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An Improved Jib Crane.

We illustrate herewith a new form of foundry or jib crane, made by the Yale Lock Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, Conn., embodying the latest improvements of Mr. T. A. Weston. The machine is a swinging jib crane suitable for foundries, machine shops and kindred uses. Its frame is built wholly of wrought iron. The hoisting mechanism is attached to the king-post, and is provided with three changes of speed, in all of which is utilized the Weston safety brake, by the use of which the flying back of the handles is prevented, and the danger from this most fruitful cause of accidents is avoided. The action of the machine in hoisting is the same as of ordinary machines. Lowering is also effected in the usual way, by turning the handles backward; but the action of the safety brake is such that if the handles be let go at any time, either in hoisting or lowering, the load immediately comes to rest. The load is self-sustained, and cannot descend excepting so long and as fast as the crank handles are turned backward by hand.

The traverse of the load is effected by the hand chain, which in the illustration the operator is pulling by drawing the small car shown. All the motions of the crane are made with ease and little friction. The mechanism has the merit of being simple, and of being, therefore, little liable to wear out or get out of order, while its cost is no greater than that of other first-class work. The company are building cranes of the type shown in the illustration, of capacities varying from one to ten tons. They also make cranes of similar construction, but of larger capacities, for operation either by hand or power, all of them, however, embodying Mr. Weston's improvements, particularly the safety feature above referred to.

Reese's Sled Harrow.

It is a fact which all connected with any branch of mechanics have probably had occasion to note, that however active the development and application of labor-saving machinery may be in any field, some appliances, escaping attention, pass from generation to generation in their primitive clumsiness. When at last some enterprising inventor, by a simple change, transforms it into an easily handled machine, it seems a matter of surprise to all that the change had not been thought of a century ago. A good example of this is the ordinary harrow, and its young successor, Reese's Sled Harrow. As the accompanying engravings will show, Mr. Jacob Reese, of Pittsburgh, Pa., converts the harrow into a sled, without disturbing a single nut or bolt, simply by turning each half up and then putting on a brace, so that it is not necessary to use a wagon to the field and back to the barn. On the contrary it is even possible, if required, to use the harrow for carrying grain, tools, or implements by placing two boards across the runs. The improvement is so evident that it is hardly necessary to refer to it further.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

The *Chemiker Zeitung* contains the following description of a new process of

MANUFACTURING LACQUERS AND VARNISH FROM YELLOW AMBER AND COPAL.

The lacquers made from these materials are remarkable for their hardness and the ease with which they acquire a brilliant polish, but the greatest care must be taken in their manufacture, in order to prevent their becoming black or being covered with greenish spots. Starting from the conviction that these imperfections are due to oxidation during the process of manufacture, Messrs. E. Schrader and O. Dumeke devised the following apparatus: A cylindrical boiler, made of iron and copper, is put into masonry in an inclined position. The resinous materials are melted by means of superheated steam, which expels the air from the vessel, thus avoiding the danger of oxidation. When melted the material is forced by steam pressure out of the boiler through a tube in its lower part. The temperature is kept well in hand, so that there is no danger of decomposition. The top of the apparatus is provided with a manhole, a safety valve, a pipe to carry off the volatile portions of the resin, and a stirrer passes through it. The clear material is conducted in pipes, which have vents for the escape of gases. The value of the apparatus consists in the security it offers for melting large quantities with certainty of success, and in the protection it affords to the workmen.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison read a very inter-

esting paper before the American Association on HEATING PLATINUM BY THE ELECTRIC CURRENT.

The experiments given bearing largely upon the use of that metal for incandescence lights. The first fact observed was that platinum wire weighing 306 milligrams lost weight at the rate of a fraction less than one milligram per hour as long as it was suspended in a hydrogen flame.

To ascertain the diminution in the weight of a platinum wire when heated by the electric current, he placed between two clamping-posts a wire five-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and weighing 263 milligrams. This wire, after it was brought to incandescence for 20 minutes by the current, lost one milligram. The same wire was then raised to incandescence; for 20 minutes it gave a loss of three milligrams. Afterward it was kept incandescent for one hour and ten minutes, at which time it weighed 258 milligrams, a total loss of eight milligrams. Another wire, weighing 343 milligrams, was kept moderately incandescent for nine consecutive hours, after which it weighed 301 milligrams, showing a total loss of 42 milligrams. A platinum wire twenty-thousandths of an inch in diameter was wound in the form of a spiral one eighth of an inch in diameter and one-half an inch in length. The two ends of the spiral were secured to the clamping-posts, and the whole apparatus was covered with a glass shade 2½ inches in diameter and 3 inches high. Upon bringing the spiral to incandescence for 20 minutes that part of the globe in line with the sides of the spiral became slightly darkened; in five hours the deposit became so thick that the incandescent spiral could not be seen through the deposit. This loss in weight, together with the deposit on the glass, presented a very serious obstacle to the use of metallic wires for giving light by incandescence, but this was easily surmounted after the cause was ascertained. He coated the wire forming the spiral with the oxide of magnesium by dusting upon it finely powdered acetate of magnesium. While incandescent the salt

visible. In a sealed glass bulb, exhausted by a Sprengel pump to a point where a quarter-inch spark from an induction coil would not pass between points one millimeter apart, was placed a spiral, the connecting wires passing through the glass. This spiral has been kept at the most dazzling incandescence for hours without the slightest deposit becoming visible.

Mr. Edison then describes some very curious phenomena observed in his experiments.

The same quality of wire; each spiral presented to the air a radiating surface of three-sixteenths of an inch; five of these were brought by the electric current up to the melting point; the light was measured by the photometer, and the average light was equal to four standard candles for each spiral just at the melting-point. One of the same kind of spirals was placed in the receiver of an air pump and the air exhausted to two millimeters; a weak current was then passed

through the wire to slightly warm it, for the purpose of assisting the passage of the air from the pores of the metal into the vacuum. The temperature of the wire was gradually augmented at intervals of 10 minutes until it became red. The object of slowly increasing the temperature was to allow the air to pass out gradually and not explosively. Afterward the current was increased at intervals of 15 minutes. Before each increase in the current the wire was allowed to cool, and the contraction and expansion at these high temperatures caused the wire to weld together at the point previously containing air. In 1 hour and 40 minutes the spiral had reached such a temperature without melting that it was giving a light of 25 standard candles, whereas it would have melted before it gave a light of five candles had it not been put through the above process. Upon examination of these spirals by the aid of a microscope, no cracks were visible; the wire had become as white as silver, and had a polish which could not be given it by any other means. The wire had a less diameter than before treatment, and it was exceedingly difficult to melt in the oxyhydrogen flame, as compared with untreated platinum. It was found that it was as hard as the steel wire used in pianos, and that it could not be annealed at any temperature. Mr. Edison claims to be able, by the increased capacity of platinum to withstand high temperatures, to employ small radiating surfaces, and thus reduce the energy required for candle light. He states that he can now obtain eight separate jets, each giving out an absolutely steady light, and each equal to 16 standard candles, or a total

THE VELOCITY OF LIGHT.

His apparatus is the following: A beam of light is allowed to fall through a slit upon a rapidly rotating mirror, from which it is reflected upon a lens of great focal length, throwing the beam upon a plane mirror placed at right angles to its axis. Now, the image of the slit in this plane mirror will again act as an object which will be reflected upon the rotating mirror. While the light has traveled from the rotating mirror through the lens to the plane mirror and back again, the rotating mirror will have changed its position so that the returning image of the slit will not be reflected to the place from which it came, but will move from it. When the rotation of the mirror becomes sufficiently rapid, then the flashes of light will produce a stationary image, which is deflected in the direction of the rotation, and through twice the angular distance, described by the mirror during the time required for the light to travel twice the distance between the mirrors. By accurately measuring the deflection, the distance between the mirrors and the number of revolutions made by the revolving mirror, all the elements necessary for the determination of the velocity of light would be given. An important point was to insure regularity in the rotation of the mirror, and this Mr. Michelson achieved with the aid of the apparatus devised by him. The revolving mirror was set in motion by a blast of air passing through a regulator and acting upon a species of turbine wheel attached to the axis of the mirror. The supply was varied by a valve.

To regulate and measure the speed of rotation, a tuning fork, bearing on one prong a steel mirror, was employed. This was kept in vibration by a current of electricity from five gravity cells. The fork was so placed that the light from the revolving mirror was reflected to the piece of plane glass in the eyepiece, thence reflected into the eye. When fork and revolving mirror are both at rest, the eye sees an image of the revolving mirror. When the fork vibrates, this image is drawn out into a band of light. When the mirror commences to revolve, this band breaks up into a number of moving images of the mirror; and when, finally, the mirror makes as many turns as the fork makes vibrations, these images are reduced to one, which is stationary. This is also the case when the number of turns is a sub-multiple. When it is a multiple, or a simple ratio, the only difference is that there will be more than one image. The electric fork made about 125 vibrations per second. No dependence was placed upon this rate, however, but at each set of observations it is compared with a standard U. S. fork, the temperature being noted at the same time. In making the comparisons the beats were counted for 60 seconds.

The apparatus for measuring the deflection consisted of a screw with divided circle, on which a carriage supporting the eyepiece traveled. The deflection was read on a scale and the circle of the screw. The distance between the revolving and the plane mirror, measured with steel tape and corrected, was found by the mean of several observations to be 1086.35 meters. The rate of vibration of the standard fork was 256.070 vibrations per second at 65° F. From these data Mr. Michelson found the velocity of light, from an average of 100 determinations, to be in vacuo 299,782 kilometers per second, or taking one kilometer at 3280.87 feet, 186,293.5 miles.

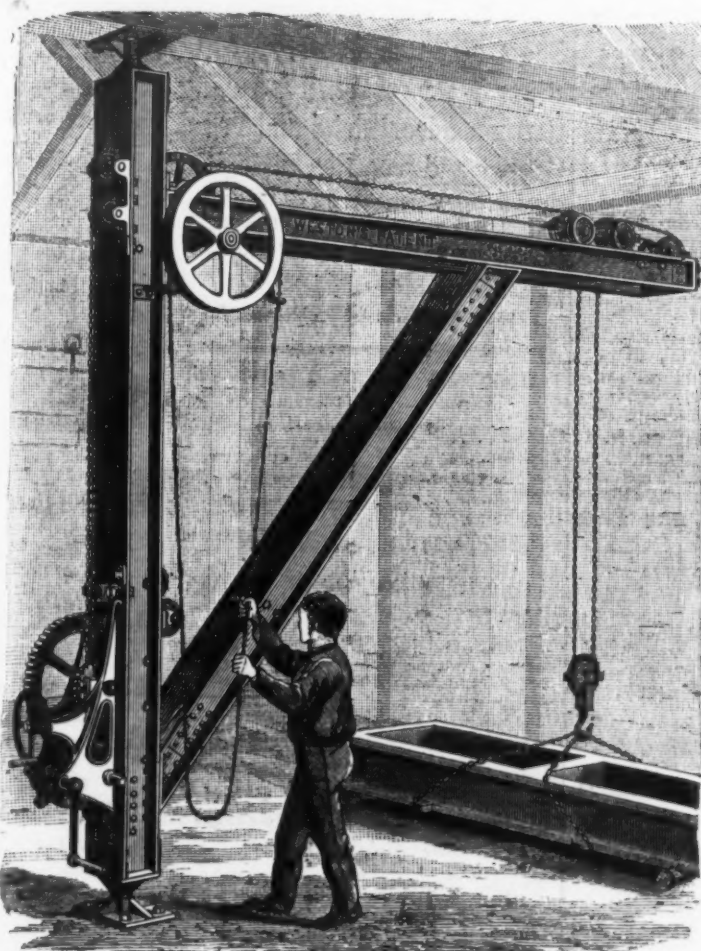
Prof. J. Lawrence Smith has sent a communication to the French Academy of Sciences, on

ARTIFICIAL WIDMANN-STAEETJAN FIGURES.

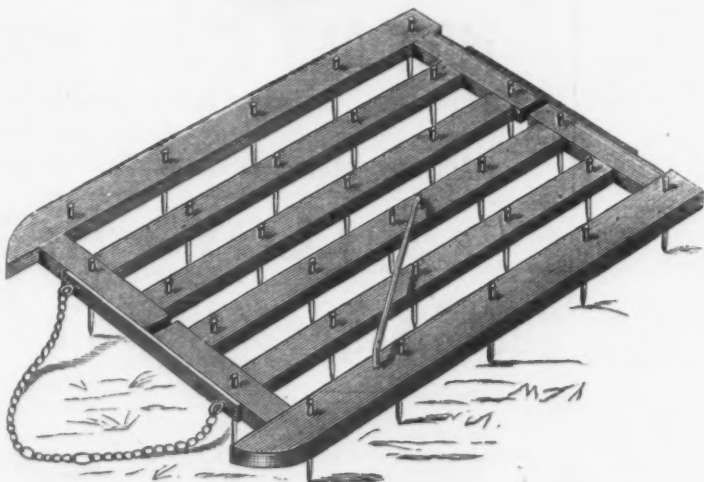
Hitherto it has been supposed that the regular figures obtained in etching with acids polished surfaces of metacresols was characteristic, and that they could not be found in material of terrestrial origin. This notion has now been proved by Prof. Smith to be erroneous, as he succeeded in developing figures similar to the Widmannstättian by etching silicide of iron.

Bradford, England, which is the center of the woolen manufacturing industry in that

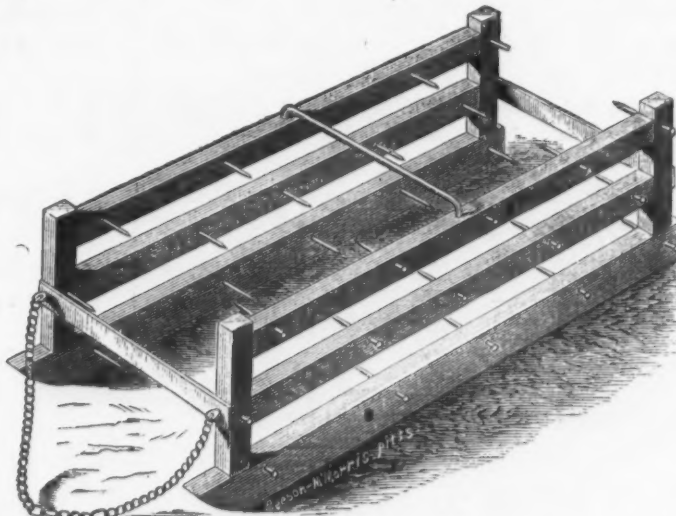
country, will shortly possess a \$100,000 technical school. At a meeting of the trustees a few weeks since, the president made the significant admission that Bradford's only hope is in further increasing the variety of its products and in improving their quality and adaptability. The export business in mixed fabrics he scarcely expected would be kept up, as America will in the future take less and less of the low-priced goods formerly imported so largely from Bradford. To his knowledge some of the best artisans were leaving Bradford every week, and he believed a large portion of them were coming to America to take charge of manufacturing establishments as overlookers and mechanics, where they re-



WESTON'S JIB CRANE.



REESE'S HARROW.



REESE'S HARROW SLED.

was decomposed by the heat, and there remained a strongly adherent coating of the oxide. This spiral so coated was covered with a glass shade, and brought to incandescence for several minutes; but, instead of a deposit of platinum upon the glass, there was a deposit of the oxide of magnesium.

Mr. Edison then placed a spiral of platinum in the receiver of a common air pump, and arranged it in such a manner that the current could pass through it while the receiver was exhausted. At a pressure of two millimeters the spiral was kept at incandescence for two hours before the deposit was sufficient to become visible. In another experiment, at a higher exhaustion, it required five hours before a deposit became

the increased radiating surface and mass. After heating, if the wire be examined under a microscope, that part of the surface which has been incandescent will be found covered with innumerable cracks. If the wire be placed between clamping-posts and heated to incandescence for 20 minutes by the passage of an electric current, the cracks will be so enlarged as to be seen with the naked eye. The wire, under the microscope, presents a shrunken appearance, and is full of deep cracks. If the current is continued for several hours, these effects will so increase that the wire will fall to pieces. This defect Mr. Edison found means of eliminating. He made a large number of platinum spirals, all of the same size and from

of 128 candles, by the expenditure of 30,000 foot pounds of energy, or less than 1 horsepower. As a matter of curiosity, he made spirals of other metals, and excluded the air from them in the manner stated. Common iron wire may be made to give a light greater than platinum not heated. The iron becomes as hard as steel and just as elastic. Nickel is far more refractory than iron. Steel wire used in pianos becomes decarburized, but remains hard, and assumes the color of silver. Aluminum melts only at a white heat.

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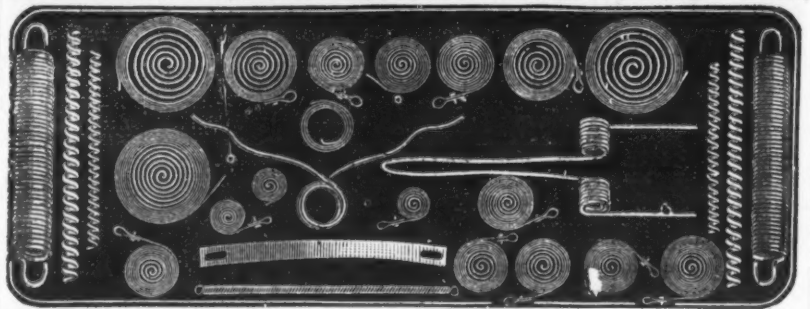
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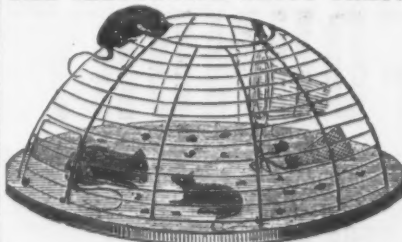
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Novelty in Patents.

As there is hardly a branch in industrial pursuits in which the claims and counter claims of patentees do not at times assume an important aspect, the following able essay, written by Oliver E. Lyman for the *Popular Science Monthly*, will be read with profit, as it clearly defines what novelty in patents is:

By the statute of 1870 it was enacted that an invention, to be patentable, must possess, among other qualifications, that of newness or novelty. But what constitutes novelty is not defined. The solution of the question is left to be determined according to the circumstances of each particular case. It is this fact which makes the question such a difficult one to be answered, for in each case there is generally some little element present which distinguishes it from other cases, and makes it impossible to frame one decided rule of universal application. The question is also rendered less easy of solution from the fact that it comes up most frequently in its most difficult aspect—in cases of infringement, where the point under discussion is, whether the alleged invention is or is not substantially identical with some prior existing thing which has been in common use here or described in some patent or printed publication. Yet, despite the nicety in which this question of novelty is involved, we are not compelled to leave it entirely uninvolved. A careful study of the subject discloses certain principles which, by their application, somewhat prune down the difficulty. We are fortunate in being able to approach the question from two sides; for, as was true in the case of the two-faced shield, over which those two knights of old story wrangled so long, an inspection of the subject from two points of observation decidedly simplifies matters. The first of these methods of studying the subject I would designate the negative, and the second the positive method. By the negative method we deduce certain principles in regard to cases which have at first sight a color of novelty, but are not novel so as to be patentable. By the positive method we arrive at certain conclusions in regard to what actually constitutes novelty in a patentable sense.

I propose to discuss, first, what cases, at first sight possessing novelty, do not actually possess novelty? A study of cases warrants us in accepting, as a first principle, that every change or mere substitution of a mechanical equivalent is not necessarily a patentable novelty; for it may not be substantially unlike some prior thing. We may have, for instance, a machine, comprising, say, three distinct parts. A man, not the inventor, substitutes for each of these parts other equivalents, producing the same results. This is not a patentable invention. Even if the products be better or cheaper, it is at most only an improvement upon a former invention, and can be used only with the permission of the former patentee.

I spoke above of a "mechanical equivalent." This needs to be defined, in order that we may have a clear comprehension of the above principle. To define it, however, is not so easy. Mr. Parsons has said that "he would be a very acute man who could certainly discern, or a very bold man who would certainly assert, what is meant by a mechanical equivalent." At the risk of being considered bold, certain judges have, nevertheless, ventured to attack the Gordian knot. We find one definition in *Smith vs. Downing*, 1 Fisher's Patent Cases, 87: "By equivalents in machinery is usually meant merely the substitution of one mechanical power for another, or one obvious and customary mode for another, of effecting a like result." This definition is not sufficiently explicit. A better one is to be found in *Carter vs. Baker*, 4 Fisher's Patent Cases, 409: "When, in mechanics, one device does a particular thing, or accomplishes a particular result, every other device known and used in mechanics, which skillful and experienced workmen know will produce the same result, or do the same particular thing, is a known mechanical substitute for the first device mentioned for doing the same thing, or accomplishing the same result. It is sufficient to constitute a known mechanical substitute that, when a skillful mechanic sees one device doing a particular thing, he knows the other device, whose uses he is acquainted with, will do the same thing."

This definition not only covers those elements which come strictly under the head of mechanics, but is also our guide in determining what constitutes an equivalent in an "art," or a "manufacture," or a "composition of matter." The definition of an equivalent of any substance in a composition made of several ingredients, for example, is, in accordance with our guide, any other substance having similar properties and producing substantially the same effect.

So much for the first class of cases, which at first sight are apparently novel, but which in reality are not novel so as to be patentable.

Another class of cases against which the verdict of "no novelty" must be pronounced, is where a new use is made of an old invention. This is no new invention. The mere application of an old invention or means or method of operation to a new use, does not amount to a patentable novelty. There is nothing new made by such a proceeding. The use of the thing is perhaps enlarged and that is all. It was upon this principle that adverse decisions were rendered to the claimants in the cases of *Losh vs. Hague*, and *Howe vs. Abbott*. In the first of these, which is reported in 1 Webster's Patent Cases, 205, it was held that the application to railway carriages of a kind of wheel previously in use on common carriages, would not support a patent. In the second case, which is reported in 2 Story, 190, the patentee claimed as his invention a process of curling palm leaf for mattresses. It appeared from the evidence that horse-

hair had for a long time been prepared by the same process and devoted to the same purpose. In delivering his opinion Judge Story said: "The application of an old process to manufacture an article to which it had never before been applied, is not a patentable invention. There must be some new process or some new machinery used to produce the result." * * * He who produces an old result by a new mode or process, is entitled to a patent for that mode or process. But he cannot have a patent for a result merely without using some new mode or process to produce it."

Allied to this question of double use, is the question whether a patent can be taken for a particular use of a known machine, when the plaintiff is the first to discover the benefit of such use. As may be supposed, from the place in which I have inserted this question, the answer is "No." And there is justice in the answer; for a man is entitled to all the benefit of an article which he has invented and patented. The man who happens to discover an additional use to which the invention may be applied does not by that discovery and application create a patentable novelty. He devises no new combination of machinery, no new process. Hear what Lord Chelmsford said on the subject. His opinion is to be found in *Ralston vs. Smith*, 11 H. L. C., 256. In this case, by the way, the plaintiff had discovered that by giving a differential motion to different parts of an old machine, a power existing in it might be developed and brought into action. Lord Chelmsford, after stating that he saw no new process, or new combination of machinery, said, "It appears to me that such a discovery is not the subject of a patent." And the same doctrine is laid down in the case of *Tetley vs. Easton*, 2 C. B. (N. S.), 706.

There is another class of cases which demands attention. It sometimes happens that a man seeks a patent for a mere aggregation of things, for example, a hammer with a screw driver inserted in one end of the handle and an awl in the other. The absurdity of granting a patent in such a case is very apparent, and it is no wonder that in the case of *Swift vs. Whizen*, 3 Fisher's Patent Cases, 357, a decision was given against the patentability of the very aggregation given above as an example.

A distinction should be made between such aggregations, when the whole is easily divisible into its component parts, and aggregations where the individuality of the component parts is lost. I would revert to the hammer and screw driver as an example of what I mean by the divisibility of the whole. The hammer can be taken by itself, the awl by itself, and the screw driver by itself, and used. As an example of what I mean by the loss of individuality, take the combined glass cutter, screw driver, can opener, &c., which have been on sale in the streets of late. Here there is but one invention in reality, and the various parts are merged in one whole. The novelty lies in the new combination of the glass cutter, can opener, &c., in such a way that the utility of the parts would be lost by division.

We have now left to discuss the general rule that a mere alteration in the form, size, material or proportions of an existing device is not such a change as to produce patentable novelty. This rule is related to the first one given in regard to the substitution of mechanical equivalents, but it is much wider in its scope. It is laid down in express terms in the second section of the act of February 21, 1793. This declaratory law was not re-enacted in the patent act of 1836, yet necessity and justice compel its recognition; for, as was said in *Winans vs. Denmead*, 15 Howard, 341: "It is a principle which necessarily makes part of every system of law granting patents for new inventions. Merely to change the form of a machine is the work of a constructor, not of an inventor; such a change cannot be deemed an invention."

A very interesting case on this point is reported in 11 Howard, 248 (*Hotchkiss vs. Greenwood*). It relates particularly to the substitution of a new material. In this case a new clay knob was substituted for a metallic knob. It was claimed that there was a patentable novelty. But there was no new mechanical device or contrivance. The knob was not new. The metallic shank and spindle were not new, nor the dovetail form of the cavity in the knob, nor the means by which the metallic shank was securely fastened therein. The only change was in the substitution of a clay for the former metallic knob. Judge Nelson very properly decided that there was no such novelty in this as to warrant the granting of a patent. "This of itself," said he, "can never be the subject of a patent. No one will pretend that a machine, made in whole or in part of materials better adapted to the purpose for which it is used than the materials of which the old one is constructed, and for that reason better and cheaper, can be distinguished from the old one; or, in the sense of the patent law, can entitle the manufacturer to a patent."

So much for the negative method of investigation of the subject of novelty in patents. We have discussed many cases of apparent novelty, and have seen in what novelty does not consist. In accordance with the old saw, "You tell me what you're not, and I'll tell you what you are," we are now prepared to turn to what I have called the positive method of investigation and learn what is patentable novelty.

To answer the question, What is novel, so as to be patentable? is easier than the one we discussed in the first part of this paper. In a few words, there is patentable novelty when there is a different principle of operation; when there is a different result in kind, or when there is a new combination. It is for one or another of these reasons that a patent is ever granted. There may be other grounds apparently, but a closer investigation will show them to be but another species of the above family, and consequently to be classified with them in their application.

The first two of the three principles enumerated can best be treated together. To repeat, there will be novelty when either the manufacture produced or the manner of producing an old one is new. In the former case there must be something substantially new—different from what was before known. In the latter case the princi-

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ple of the machine must be different; and, as I have shown before, a mere change of the form or proportions will not suffice, if both are the same in principle, structure, mode of operation, and produce the same result. This is true even if there is some small variance in some small matter for the purpose of evasion, or a color for a patent. There must be some principles different from any previously known.

This opens up the ancillary and important question, What is meant by "the principles of a machine?"

In *Whittemore vs. Cutter*, 1 Gall., 478, Judge Story says: "By the principles of a machine is not meant the original elementary principles of motion which philosophy and science have discovered, but the *modus operandi*—the peculiar manner or device for producing any given effect. If the same effects are produced by two machines by the same mode of operation, the principles of each are the same. If the same effects are produced, but by combinations of machinery operating substantially in a different manner, the principles are different."

In deciding whether the principles of a machine are new, there is one block over which we may stumble, and which we should take care to avoid. There is danger of confusing form with principle. The question of what constitutes form and what principle, is frequently a very nice question to decide. Judge Washington, in *Treadwell vs. Bladen*, 4 Wash., 706, has pointed out a road out of the confusion. "The safest guide," says he, "to accuracy in making the distinction, is to ascertain what is the result to be obtained by the discovery; and whatever is essential to that object, independent of the mere form and proportions of the thing used for the purpose, may generally, if not universally, be considered as the principle of the invention."

The third principle above enumerated, that a new combination is a patentable novelty, is well elucidated in the case of *Barrett vs. Hull*, 1 Mass., 474. This was a case for the infringement of a patent granted for "a new and useful improvement, being a mode of dyeing and finishing all kinds of silk-woven goods." Judge Story said: "A patent may be for a new combination of machines to produce certain effects; and this whether the machines constituting the combination be new or old." And in *Whitney vs. Emmett*, 1 Baldwin, 311, also the patentability of a new combination was upheld. What the learned Judge said is so good an epitome of all that has been said in the second part of this paper, that I give it, although it is merely cumulative:

"Novelty consists in producing a new substance, or an old one in a new way, by new machinery, or a new combination of the parts of an old one, operating in a peculiar, better, cheaper, or quicker method, a new mechanical employment of principles already known."

The rule in regard to new combinations, as above laid down, is most just, for the most valuable inventions consist in the combination of known mechanical powers. It makes no matter if some of the elements are old (*McCormick vs. Talcott*, 20 Howard, 405); nor even if every part of such invention can be found in some form or other among the many devices of human ingenuity. As was said in *Pitts vs. Edmund*, 2 Fisher's Patent Cases, 55: "The man who unites these powers and produces a new and important result to society, is well denominated a public benefactor."

There is one important principle in regard to combinations which, although not bearing directly upon the question of novelty, yet ought to be remembered. Judge Story called attention to it in the preceding case of *Barrett vs. Hull*: "It is no infringement," he said, "of the patent to use any of the machines separately, if the whole combination be not used, for in such case the thing patented is not the separate machines, but the combination."

With this quotation I end the discussion of the question of novelty in patents. I have endeavored to make my answer as satisfactory as the difficulties of the question would allow. I have for that purpose viewed the subject from two standpoints of opposite natures, and have enumerated and discussed certain principles of general application which were disclosed by this double observation. The work must at the best, however, be incomplete, for, as Mr. Parsons says, "It is obviously impossible to find precise and technical rules which always answer the question."

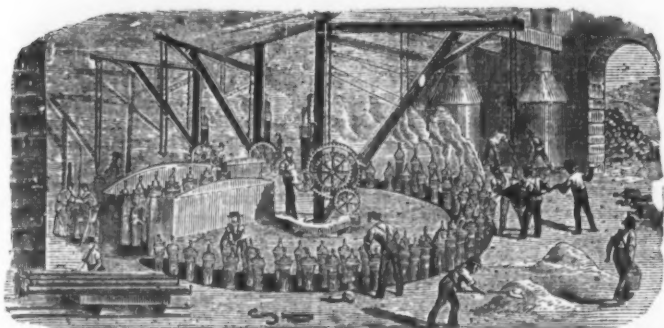
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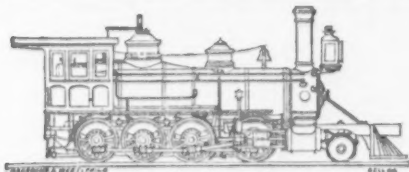
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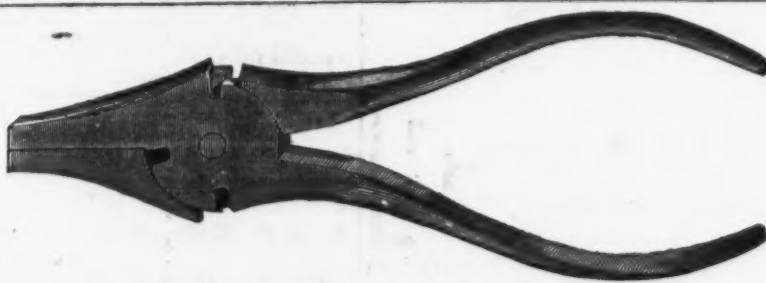
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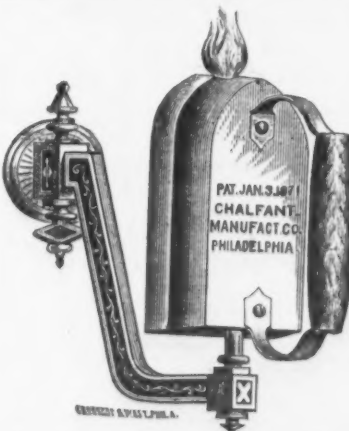
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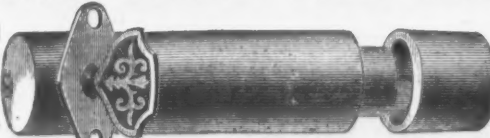
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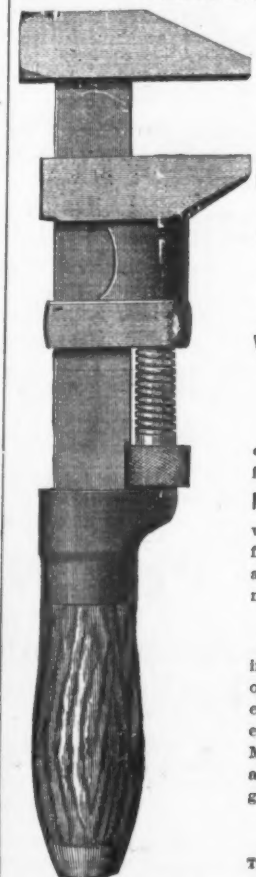
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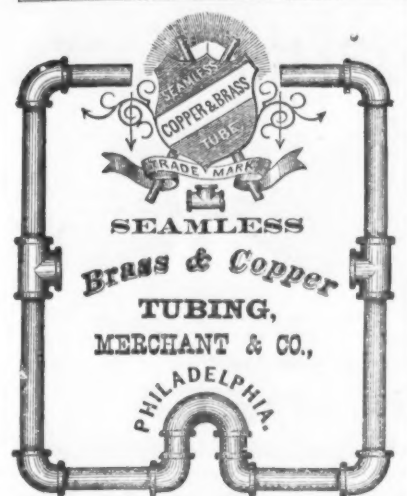
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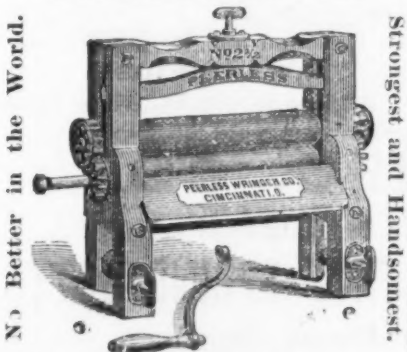
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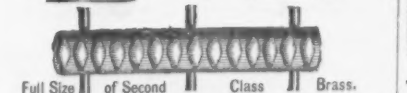


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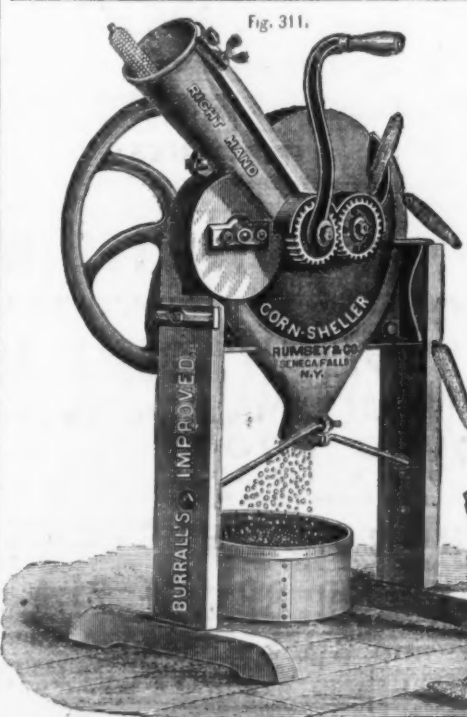
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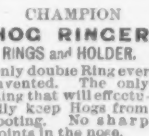
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Glass for Railroad Sleepers.

Engineering, in a recent issue, gives the
following details on railway sleepers made of
glass, toughened according to the De la
Bastie process, which Mr. Frederick Siemens,
of Dresden, a well-known German manufac-
turer, and brother of Dr. William Siemens,
is now introducing in England. Some of
them have been laid on the line of the
North Metropolitan Tramways at High
street, Stratford. The sleepers in this case
are of exactly the same section as the
wooden longitudinal sleepers they have re-
placed, namely, rectangular, 4 inches wide
by 6 inches deep, the upper side being
molded so as to accurately fit the rails.
They are laid in lengths of 3 feet, and to
avoid the danger of settlement at the joints,
bearing plates 10 inches by 5 inches by 1 1/2
inch are placed at these points, these plates
being also utilized for effecting the securing
of the rails by a fastening which obviates
the necessity of molding any holes in the
glass. The samples of the sleepers above
mentioned have been tested by Mr. Kircaldy,
and their average breaking weight, when
resting on supports 30 inches apart, has
been found to be about 5 tons, this being
probably about two-thirds of the resistance
which would be afforded by a good pine
sleeper of similar dimensions. It must, how-
ever, be borne in mind that whereas the tim-
ber would become depreciated by use, the
glass promises to be practically indestructi-
ble by moisture, &c.

At the works of Mr. William Henderson,
a plate of Mr. Siemens' toughened glass 9
inches square by 1 1/2 inch thick, imbedded
in gravel ballast 9 inches deep, and having
on its top a wood packing 1/2 inch thick and
a piece of rail, was subjected to the action
of a falling weight, the blows being deliv-
ered on the rail. The weight was 9 cwt.,
and blows were successively delivered by
letting this weight fall from heights of 3 feet,
5 feet 6 inches, 7 feet, 10 feet, 12 feet 6
inches, 15 feet, 17 feet 6 inches and 20 feet.
Under the last mentioned blow the rail
broke, the glass, however, being uninjured.
As a higher fall could not be obtained and a
greater weight was not available, a smaller
section of rail was substituted for that pre-
viously employed, and the glass was broken by
a second blow of the 9 cwt. falling 20
feet, the plate being driven through the bal-
last into the hard ground. A cast-iron
plate 9 inches square and 1/2 inch thick,
tested in a similar way, broke with a blow
from the 9 cwt. weight dropped to feet.

The cost of the toughened glass is stated
to be about the same per ton as that of cast
iron, but as its specific gravity is only about
one-third that of iron, the cost of any article
of given dimensions is, of course, materi-
ally less. The material has as yet been too
recently introduced and too little is
known of its characteristics, to enable any
very decided opinion to be formed as to its
future capabilities; but the results of the
experiments so far made with the material
are certainly of an exceedingly promising
character, and the further development of
its applications will be watched with much
interest.

Industrial Education in England.

Mr. James Samuelson, President of the
Liverpool Science and Art Classes, who has
been closely identified with industrial educa-
tion for many years, gave to the members
of the American Association assembled at
Saratoga, the following account of the object
and the working of the Science and Art De-
partment of the Committee of the Privy
Council on Education, founded by an "order
in Council," February 25, 1856, under the
provisions of an act of Parliament. The ob-
ject of the department is to promote science
instruction chiefly among the industrial
classes, and the means employed are:

1. Payments to teachers on results shown
by the annual May examinations. These
examinations are conducted simultaneously
all over the three kingdoms by printed
papers prepared by the examiners, who are
selected from the leading scientific men.
2. Queen's prizes, being scientific books
selected by the successful students from a
catalogue sent down by the department;
also gold and silver medals (competitive),
one of which is given for each branch of
science.
3. Exhibitions, scholarships, studentships,
&c. Among these are "studentships for
training," which give the student the privi-
lege of attending the science classes at
South Kensington at the charge of the
State; also the well-known Whitworth
scholarships of £100 per annum for three
years for practical and theoretical pro-
ficiency.
4. Grants toward a building fund for the
erection of science schools.
5. Grants toward apparatus and school
fittings.
6. Laboratory grants.
7. Payments in aid of training teachers.

The subjects in which instruction is given
are 24 in number, and the number of schools
in which instruction is imparted, chiefly in
the evenings, is at present nearly 1500.
For some time after the foundation of the
department only five towns responded, and
of the five schools so founded one or two
were unsuccessful, and were closed. In
1861 Mr. Samuelson founded the Liverpool
School of Science, the first established there,
and the system was already so far developed
that there were enrolled between 100 and
200 students. In 1867 there were 213
schools in Great Britain, giving instruction
to about 10,000 of both sexes; in the session
of 1876-1877, 1348 schools, with over 55,000
students. Owing to stricter regulations be-
ing enforced, the number of students dimi-
nished in 1877-1878, being 52,330, but the
schools multiplied, there being 1434, with
4550 classes. The fruits of the system are
widespread. Every large town has many
schools, London alone having 165, and the
smaller towns, and even villages, have their
classes, the students of which are often more
successful than those of the more important
centers of learning and industry.

The department aids the various localities
in founding a school, which is accomplished
in the following manner: A committee of
gentlemen, not less than five in number, and
one of whom must be a clergyman or magis-
trate, is formed in any locality for the pur-

pose of managing the classes. This com-
mittee places itself, through its secretary, in
communication with the department, en-
gages the teachers, who must be "certi-
ficated," and so the "science school" is
formed. All payments are made to the
committee, who may, if they please, retain one-
fifth of the teachers' fees for cost of manage-
ment. In order to understand the mode of
proceeding it is necessary to pass on to the
May examinations. The papers at these ex-
aminations are framed to include six grades
of students, who may pass as follows: Ele-
mentary, first and second class; advanced,
first and second class; honors, first and
second class. As soon as a student has
passed in the second class of the advanced
stage, he is entitled to earn payments on re-
sults; in fact, he is a "certificated" teacher
of the department. He must give 25 lessons
(class lectures) in any subject which he
teaches before he can receive payment for
his instruction. This payment is in propor-
tion to the degree of success attained by his
pupils, and in no case exceeds £4 (£20) for
each student. As a matter of fact, any in-
dustrious and intelligent student may enable
his teacher to earn this amount.

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and vegetable physiology); physics (acous-
tics, light and heat, magnetism and elec-
tricity); physical geography, now known as
"physiography;" every branch of mathe-
matics; chemistry (organic and inorganic);
building construction, steam naval archi-
tecture, geology, mineralogy, mining, &c.

The advantages of the system are summed
up by Mr. Samuelson as follows: "It is
making our men better mechanics. It is
training 50,000 people to-day to think sys-
tematically, and to reason without passion
or prejudice; to appreciate your 'Cooks'
and your 'Ingersolls,' and by their influence
to enable those about them to form correct
estimates of the value of public utterances
on scientific and philosophical questions. It
is enabling many young persons who would
have drudged at the desk or counter all their
lives to earn an additional income by science
teaching, and others to form a higher esti-
mate than their ordinary avocations present
of life and of the world in which they live.
It is influencing our homes, by giving to
people about to enter life more rational
views of sanitary matters, and all others
pertaining to health and disease; and, last
but not least, it is expanding the views of
young people, educated it may be in some
rigid, restricted, though devotional, school
of thought, and making them more charita-
ble in their opinions of those who differ from
them on religious questions. In fact, it is
materially beneficial to the teacher, mor-
ally advantageous to the taught and benefi-
cent in its general influence on society."

Mineral Statistics of Great Britain
for 1878.

Mr. Robert Hunt, who has for almost 30
years collected the mineral statistics of
Great Britain, has just issued his report for
the year 1878, from which we glean the fol-
lowing figures, giving the mineral produce
in tons:

Coal	132,607,856	Silver ore	94
Iron ore	15,726,370	Nickel ore	98
Tin ore	15,045	Arsenic	4,991
Copper ore	56,034	Fluorspar	331
Lead ore	77,359	Clays, &c.	2,712,486
Zinc ore	25,418	Salt	2,682,320
Iron pyrites	29,867	Barytes	22,435
Manganese	1,586		

The quantities of metals obtained from
these ores were, it appears, as follows:

Gold	Ounces	703
Pig iron	Tons	6,381,051
Tin	"	20,106
Copper	"	3,350
Lead	"	58,020
Zinc	"	6,300
Silver from lead	Ounces	397,471
" ore	"	77,643

It may be of interest to show, with a few
figures, how seriously foreign competition
affected the mining of tin and of copper.
In the case of the former metal the
output has remained stationary, but since
1873 the value of the market product
and the number of mines sharing in it have
decreased by one-half. The following table
will plainly show this:

Year.	Number of mines.	Tin ore. Tons.	Net tin. Tons.	Value.
1873	215	14,885	9,072	£1,056,835
1874	230	14,039	9,042	768,110
1875	183	13,995	9,014	735,606
1876	185	11,686	6,500	600,923
1877	98	14,142	6,500	579,763
1878	90	15,045	10,106	570,772

In copper the falling off is more serious
still, as the following data will show:

Year.	Mines.	Ore, tons.	Cop'r, tons.	Value.
1866	173	180,178	11,131	£1,019,168
1868	159	157,135	9,817	761,502
1870	124	106,658	7,170	551,399
1872	117	91,891	5,793	553,732
1874	110	78,523	4,981	447,591
1876	101	79,252	4,904	392,300
1878	85	56,034	3,652	271,042

On the other hand, the quantities of for-
eign copper ore and regulus smelted in Eng-
land has increased very considerably, as the
following figures, which include the output
of the English mines themselves, will show:

Ores, regulus, &c.	Copper.
Tons.	Tons.
1871.....	399,624
1872.....	408,419
1873.....	481,413
1874.....	604,038
1875.....	638,034
1876.....	545,021
1877.....	651,308
1878.....	702,425
	29,453
	27,405
	31,996
	39,775
	33,800
	40,385
	48,068
	61,994

There have been strikes from all manner
of ridiculous causes. One that occurred in
Central America recently, as narrated by a
correspondent of the New York Tribune,
seems funny, but it is not more so than
many that are occurring frequently in this
country. It seems that this arose from the
introduction of a watch to regulate the
hours of labor. The men had adopted the
theory that a certain donkey employed on
the work brayed accurately at 4 o'clock (the
quitting time) each afternoon. So long as
the timepiece and the donkey agreed ap-
proximately, no difficulty was encountered;
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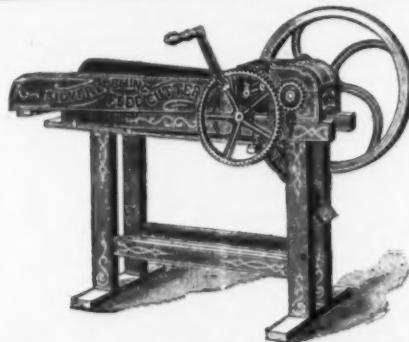
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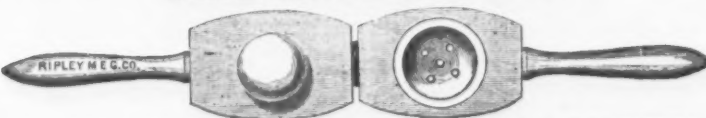


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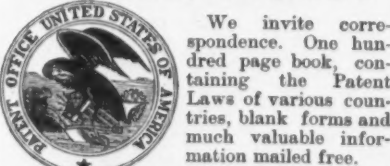
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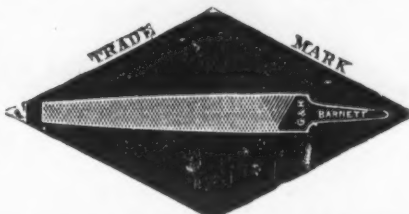
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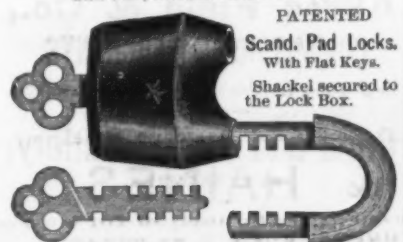
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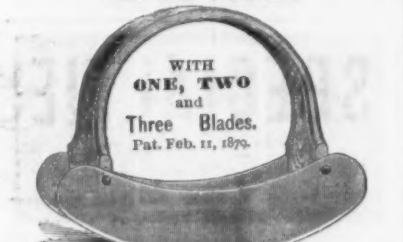


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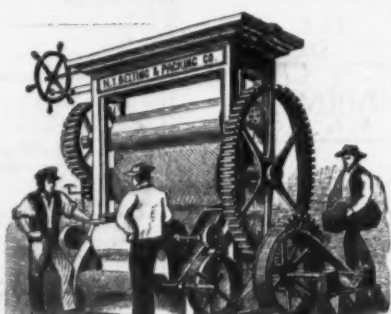
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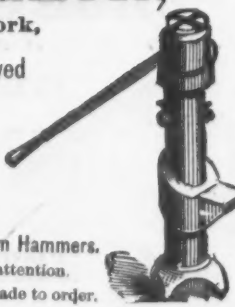
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To the Editor of The Iron Age.—I have re-
ceived from various quarters numerous in-
quiries as to the facilities offered by Nash-
ville for the making and manufacture of
iron, which I desire as briefly as possible,
after thorough investigation of the subject,
to answer through your columns. I wish
to say at the outset that either the cost
of making iron at Pittsburgh has been
greatly overestimated by those engaged in
the business, or the figures which I shall
give make a startling and most favorable
exhibit for Tennessee. My estimates for
Pittsburgh are based upon letters received in
Nashville from prominent and trustworthy
iron men, and there can be little doubt
of their correctness. They do not certainly
err in being too high. The estimates for
Tennessee are based upon careful inquiry,
widely extended, embracing every possible
scrutiny to avoid error, and calculated with
due allowance for any variations that can
be reasonably expected in contract prices or
freight. I expect them to be carefully ex-
amined, and I invite the most searching
inquiry. If I am right, inquiry will not fail
to show it, and the world should know the
facts. If there is a flaw anywhere, investi-
gation will not fail to detect it.

Middle Tennessee possesses two classes of
iron ore—the brown hematite or hydrous
oxide, and the red hematite or anhydrous
oxide. The last is limited in extent, and
confined to two or three banks near Clifton,
in Wayne County, about 100 miles south-
west of Nashville. Rich specimens, how-
ever, are found associated with the hydrous
oxides at other points. Brown hematite is
found in workable quantities and of excellent
quality in Stewart, Montgomery, Houston,
Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman, Perry,
Lewis, Wayne, Decatur, Benton and Law-
rence. These counties lie from Montgomery
on the northwest around to Lawrence, a
little west of south from Nashville, the
nearest county being Dickson, due west
about 30 miles. The most distant are
Wayne and Lawrence, about 100 miles at
the furthest point in the Alabama line.
This is the great Western iron belt, running
north and south entirely through the State,
and embracing over 5000 square miles. It
is traversed by the Cumberland River in the
counties of Stewart and Montgomery, about
75 miles by river below Nashville, where
the Cumberland enters into the iron fields of
Kentucky.

Of the various forms of hydrous oxides in
Middle Tennessee, the chief are:

1. Pot ore—hollow concretions, stalactitic,
botryoidal and velvety on the interior sur-
face. From crust to interior are various
layers with different shades of brown,
having a varied crystallization. A very
valuable ore.
2. Pipe ore, which resembles reeds agglu-
tinated; rust colored, and very highly
prized by furnacemen.
3. Black Jack ore—a compact black or
bluish ore, rich, but more refractory in the
furnace than the two first mentioned.
4. Honeycomb, filled with small cavities,
sparry and easily smelted.
5. Brown-clay ironstone, having con-
creted laminae, like a mass of adhering and
closely compressed shells, concretionary and
sparry.
6. Shot ore—small angular masses, never
much used alone, usually obtained from
screening other varieties.
7. Bog ore—rough, pock-marked, porous,
spongy and siliceous. Never used to any
extent, though abundant in places.
8. Yellow ochre—soft, crumbly, dull and
earthy.

Associated with these, and more especially
with the pot ore, is turgite, and for that
reason often taken for hydrous oxide, but
really an anhydrous oxide. It often con-
stitutes one of the concretionary layers that
form the hollow ball-like mass, but it may
be distinguished from the hydrous oxide by
its superior hardness, its red streak, and by
its decrepitation. The line between this and
the hydrous oxide is very distinct, and the
cohesion is very slight. The presence of
turgite gives great richness to many of the
banks in the Western iron belt, and anal-
yses of specimens show 63 per cent. of
metallic iron, and even more when disasso-
ciated from the hydrous oxide.

Still another valuable associate is goethite,
or fibrous hematite (needle ore or anagite),
found in the Western iron belt. This,
though a hydrous oxide, contains a very
small percentage of water and about 90 per
cent. of the sesquioxide of iron. This ore
is not so abundant as the turgite, but adds
great value to the banks in which it occurs.
The presence of these two ores makes the
brown hematite of the Western iron belt re-
semble those brought from Bilbao, Spain.

The following are analyses of ores made
by J. Blodgett Britton, of Philadelphia. The
first specimen is from Cumberland Iron
Works, Stewart County, taken from the
north side of the Cumberland River, and
the second is from the south side:

	North side.	South side.
Pure metallic iron.....	57.84	59.22
Oxygen with iron.....	24.37	24.88
Water.....	11.96	11.06
Insoluble siliceous matter.....	3.59	3.21
Soluble silica.....	0.78	0.13
Sulphur.....	none.	none.
Phosphoric acid.....	0.54	0.36
Alumina.....	0.13	0.49
Lime.....	0.05	0.17
Manganese.....	0.03	0.08
Manganese, undetermined mat- ter and loss.....	0.71	0.42
Total.....	100.00	100.00
Phosphorus.....	0.24	0.16

A specimen from Bear Spring Furnace,
Stewart County, gives as analyses by Prof.
Burton:

Water.....	10.94
Silica.....	4.77
Metallic iron.....	59.98
Oxygen combined.....	26.70
Sulphur.....	0.11
Phosphorus.....	0.40

A dozen analyses might be given of ores
from Stewart and Dickson counties, showing
metallic iron, sulphur, phosphorus and silica.
Those given are, however, fairly typical.
Take one limonite, however, from Lawrence
County, in the extreme South, from a bank on
the dividing ridge between Knob and China
creeks:

Water.....	12.83
Silica.....	1.01
Iron.....	59.60
Iron with oxygen.....	25.54
Sulphur.....	0.16
Phosphorus.....	1.06

One specimen taken from La Grange Fur-
nace, in Stewart County, on the Tennessee
River, shows, as analyzed by Prof. E. S.
Wayne, 65.75 per cent. of metallic iron.
Another specimen from the same place,
analyzed by Prof. Barton, gives:

Water.....	3.65
Silica.....	1.90
Iron.....	63.09
Oxygen combined.....	27.63
Sulphur.....	0.24
Phosphorus.....	0.12

Another specimen from Stewart County,
analyzed by the same chemist:

Water.....	8.38
Silica.....	1.19
Iron.....	63.09
Oxygen combined.....	27.63
Sulphur.....	0.24
Phosphorus.....	0.12

The first of the last two were goethite and
the last turgite. The same character of ore
may be found on many of the banks in
every county of the Western iron belt.

The three ores, analyses of which I have
given, namely, limonite, goethite and turgite,
when pure turn out as follows:

Limonite, 85.6 ses. oxide iron = 52.92 metallic iron.	
Turgite... 94.7 " " 66.25 " "	
Goethite, 89.9 " " 66.25 " "	

The best ores from this belt, with the im-
perfect means of smelting, turn out from 50
to 54 per cent. of metallic iron. The run of
the mines will yield from 42 to 45 per cent.

The iron product of Tennessee, with few
exceptions, is either neutral or slightly cold-
short. Red-short iron has been made in
Dickson County. Any amount desired can
be made by bringing the easily accessible
Iron Mountain ores to Nashville, at a cost
not exceeding \$7 per ton. As to the amount
of iron ore to be had in the Western iron
belt that is accessible, both by river and
rail, it is sufficient to say that many of the
banks cover from one to five square miles,
and the ore is from a few feet to 100 in
thickness. In some of the countries it forms
great bluffs on the small streams that inter-
penetrate every portion of the iron field; in
others the ore lies deep beneath the surface,
but generally it is found cropping the hills
and ridges that separate the stream beds.
Some of these banks have been worked for
half a century with no sign of exhaustion.
In a word, the ore exists in such abun-
dant that it is practically inexhaustible.

I now propose to give some figures to
show the relative cost of making iron at
Pittsburgh and at Nashville, not with the
view of displaying the disadvantages of
Pittsburgh, but the advantages offered by
Nashville.

It is claimed that 1 1/2 tons of Republican
(Lake Superior) ore will make 1 ton of
pig iron in the furnaces at Pittsburgh; but
since mill cinder enough is always used to
make 1-10th of a ton, we may infer that
1 6-10th tons of Republican ore are required
to a ton of pig iron. The most favorable
estimate of cost claimed by workers of Pitts-
burgh furnaces is as follows:

Cost of Material for Ton of Pig Iron at Pitts-
burgh.

1 6-10 tons of Republican ore at Cleveland at \$7.....	\$11.20
Freight from Cleveland to Pittsburgh, \$1.50 per ton.....	3.90
Transfer at Pittsburgh at 10c. per ton.....	.16
Total cost of ore for ton pig iron.....	14.40
Coke, 80 bushels at 4c.....	3.20
Limestone, three-quarters ton at \$4.....	1.50
Salaries and labor per ton.....	2.00
Contingent expenses.....	.50
Total.....	\$21.60

Cost of Material for Ton of Pig Iron at Nashville.

The cost of material and labor for making a ton of
pig iron at Nashville, the furnace to be located
on a railroad, is as follows, taking average ore:

2 1/2 tons of ore, delivered, at \$1.50.....	\$3.75
80 bushels coke at 4c.....	3.20
Limestone.....	.50
Salaries and labor.....	2.00
Contingent expenses.....	.50
Total.....	\$9.95

These figures are a startling exhibit. Let
them be examined minutely. Every point
can be thoroughly investigated, and every
one will be thoroughly established. It is
strange that capital has not occupied such a
field if this be the truth. Capital is slow to
venture, however—even to inquire—and
then slow to occupy. The world is full of
similar cases of slow conservatism waiting
for years before it acquires the courage to
occupy, or even to investigate, fields which
when developed have been found sources of
individual wealth and national prosperity.
For 300 years after the discovery of America
the rich prairies of the Northwest, now the
granary of the world, were unoccupied, and
thought to be valueless.

In many places in the Western iron belt a
man can raise from four to six tons of iron
ore a day, especially at the iron bluffs over-
hanging ravines, as in Hickman County,
where the ore can be shut on board the
cars. One man can average daily three
tons. Contracts can be made for ore to be
delivered on the cars at 60 to 65 cents per
ton; freight, 80 miles to Nashville, 80 cents
and royalty, if the iron banks are not owned
by the furnace, 10 cents, making the whole
cost, including royalty, from \$1.50 to \$1.55
per ton. The estimate of the cost of labor
and salaries per ton of pig produced, is based
upon information received at a locality
where two furnaces, each producing 50 tons
per day, are in operation.

The following cost of making a ton of iron
at Nashville, was recently made by a Penn-
sylvania manufacturer who spent some time
in investigating the subject:

2 tons ore at \$1.50.....	\$3.00
80 bushels coke at 5c.....	4.00
Limestone.....	.50
Sand for casting.....	.10
Labor and repairs.....	2.25
Incidentals.....	.50
Total.....	\$10.35

I am assured, however, that the price of
coke is placed too high. In none of the esti-
mates has the interest on investment been
included, but as the investment would prob-
ably be less in Nashville than in Pittsburgh,
owing to the comparative cheapness of real
estate and building material in the former
place, it would not change the relative re-
sults in any considerable degree.

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and crossing into Alabama, accessible now
by the Cumberland River; by the Memphis
division of the Louisville, Nashville and
Great Southern Railroad; by the Tennessee
River connecting with the Nashville, Chat-
tanooga and St. Louis Railroad at Johnson-
ville; by the Nashville and Tusculum Rail-
road, a branch of the N. C. & St. L. R. R.
from Dickson's Station, now building, to cut
the great iron banks of Dickson and Hick-
man counties, and already completed to
large and valuable banks. The ores of Iron
Mountain are accessible by the Nashville,
Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and the
Iron Mountain Railroad, which are con-
nected by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad at
Union City and Columbus, Ky. The great
Clinton (dystone) ore seams of Alabama are
within easy reach by the Decatur branch of
the L. N. & G. S. R. R., connecting with
the North and South Railroad at Decatur.
In addition, there are iron fields along the
western spurs of the Cumberland Tableland,
to which the Manchester and McMinnville
Railroad, a branch of the N. C. & St. L.
R. R., is graded and built within a few
miles. This, however, is purely speculative.
The great and virtually inexhaustible sources
of the best ore is the Western belt, with
Alabama and Iron Mountain ores easily ac-
cessible for manufacturing all grades of pig
iron.

The Appalachian coal field, about 60,000
square miles in extent, passes clear through
Tennessee, from northeast to southwest. Of
this 5100 square miles are in Tennessee, cov-
ering, in whole or in part, 21 counties, and
including the whole of the Cumberland
plateau. This plateau bifurcates near the
longitudinal center of the State, one prong
ending a short distance within Alabama,
the other prong narrowing at the fork and
then spreading out, in the shape of a heart,
in Alabama, giving to that State about 4000
square miles of valuable and rich coal area.
Nashville now reaches these fields, 106 miles
distant by rail, in Grundy County, at the
Sewanee Mines; in Franklin County, at the
University Mines; in Marion County, at the
Battle Creek Mines, the Auna Mines and
the Vulcan Mines—all by the Nashville and
Chattanooga Railroad and its branches, ex-
cept the two mines first mentioned, which
are reached by the Tennessee Coal Company's
railroad, connecting with the N. C. R. R.
at Cowan. Coal from the Appalachian field
is also obtained from Kentucky by the Cum-
berland River above Nashville, and by the
Decatur branch of the L. N. & G. S. R. R.
from Alabama.

The Illinois coal measures extend into
Kentucky, beginning at Rome, on the Ohio,
and running nearly to the mouth of that
river and nearly over the western end of
Kentucky, to within a few miles of Hopkins-
ville, 70 miles from Nashville. This is now
one of Nashville's large sources of coal sup-
ply by the Evansville, Henderson and Nash-
ville Railway, which cuts the coal measures,
and along which many extensive mines have
been opened.

Recently the Nashville and Chattanooga
Railroad purchased the Owenboro and
Nashville Railroad, contemplating its exten-
sion between Nashville and the Ohio River,
cutting a very rich portion of the coal
measures.

These are the sources and means of reach-
ing iron and coal now. The figures given are
carefully made up from examination into the
prices at which iron and coal can now be
furnished. They show what can be done
with these sources and the present means of
reaching them.

As to transportation, Nashville now has
the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad,
connecting with the East Tennessee, Vir-
ginia and Georgia road and the Atlantic,
Mississippi and Ohio Railroad with the sea-
board at Norfolk and with the Southern
system of roads to the Gulf, also soon with
the Cincinnati Southern at Chattanooga. It
has connection with the Mississippi River
and with St. Louis by the Northwestern
branch of the Nashville, Chattanooga and
St. Louis Railroad, and very early the same
road will complete a new connection with
the Ohio River and Chicago by the Owenboro
road, while it is now pushing a road into the
iron field south west along the Tennessee
River. We have the Louisville, Nashville
and Great Southern Railroad giving connec-
tion with Louisville, Cincinnati and Indian-
apolis on the north; on the south with
Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and
with the Mississippi River on the west, and
by the Evansville branch reaching St. Louis,
Chicago and other great centers of trade.
At least six months in the year there is river
connection with Louisville, Cincinnati and
St. Louis, and also for a like period we have
river connection at Point Burnside with the
Cincinnati Southern R. R. road, by the Upper
Cumberland, during the busiest iron trans-
porting season, giving a competing line to
Cincinnati as a check upon the Louisville,
Nashville and Great Southern Railroad, in
case a check is needed.

Nashville is also amply supplied with
labor available at present, while it is the
center of an agricultural region, both in the
central basin and on the river lands, unsur-
passed in fertility and variety of soil and
productions, contributing an unfailing and
easily and cheaply available source of home-
produced food; and, added to this, excel-
lent transportation facilities for supplies
from abroad.

As to local conveniences, furnaces may be
established directly on the railroad and on
the river, and occupy any desirable or con-
venient situation near the road as to eleva-
tion. The railroads are all connected so
that terminal facilities are the very best for
receiving coal and ore and shipping iron,
while Nashville is built on limestone, cropping
out everywhere and rarely more than
3 feet beneath the surface, requiring slight
labor to raise, and now obtainable at less
cost than I have given in my estimate.

The advantages possessed by Nashville
for making iron may thus be summarized:

1. Ores easily mined and smelted.
2. Transportation of ore by the Tennessee
River and Northwestern Railroad, by the
Cumberland River from Kentucky and Ten-
nessee, by the Memphis branch of the Louis-
ville, Nashville and Great Southern Rail-
road from Montgomery, Stewart and Hous-
ton counties to Guthrie, and from thence
by the E. H. and N. R. R. to Nashville; by
the Decatur branch of the same road from

Alabama, and by the Nashville and Tusca-
loosa Railroad from Hickman and Dickson
counties, connecting with the Northwestern
Railroad at Dickson.

3. Available ore of great variety for the
manufacture of any desired grades of iron.

4. Supplies of good coal from Kentucky,
Tennessee and Alabama, making an arc of
coal fields around Nashville of 220 degrees,
all reached by river or rail.

5. Abundance of good limestone for flux,
costing only blasting and cartage.

6. Nearness to St. Louis and Cincinnati
markets by numerous lines of transportation
insuring equitable rates of freight.

7. Abundance of cheap labor.

8. Mildness of climate, giving an annual
average of from 10 to 15 degrees of mean
temperature above the iron centers of the
North.

9. Fertility of soil, excellence of climate
and water, food cheap and abundant—and
hence labor cheap and abundant. Mildness
of climate also makes living cheaper, and,
consequently, labor cheaper.

10. Smaller investment of capital neces-
sary to secure iron and coal properties.

11. The superior quality of Tennessee iron
made from the brown ores of the Western
iron belt have been tried and found equal to
any in use, and capable of standing the se-
verest tests.

This is a plain statement of facts, which
any one may verify by investigation.

J. B. KILLEBREW,

Commissioner of Mines.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 29, 1879.

The Howson Mechanical Puddler in

France.

M. Escalle, engineer of the famous Terre-
noire Company, France, prepared for a re-
cent meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute
a paper on the Howson mechanical puddler
(which we illustrated in *The Iron Age* of
January 4, 1877, and November 9, 1878),
and the experiments made with it at Tam-
aris, Gard, France. Owing to press of
business the reading of the paper was post-
poned, but we have been favored with a
copy from which we make the following
abstract:

The object of this paper is: 1. To ac-
quaint the members with the results which
we have obtained in the first trials of the
Howson apparatus, laid down at Tamaris in
June, 1878. 2. To place before them the
reflections suggested by these first trials.
Both the principles and the general arrange-
ment of the Howson puddler are well known.
Its characteristics are: Suppression of the
puddling furnace, blowing a mixture of hot
air and gas on the surface of the liquid metal
in a kind of converting vessel, oblique rota-
tion of this vessel upon a pivot, mechanical
stirring of the molten mass, and finally the
formation of a single ball which the ma-
chine, overturned in the same way as the
Bessemer converter, brings on to the floor
of the mill. In September, 1877, I saw this
appliance in operation at the Britannia
Works, Middlesborough, in the Cleveland
district. M. Julien, manager of the Terre-
noire Co., having decided to give it a trial,
it was erected during the spring of 1878 at the
Terrenoire Works, and put in operation in
the beginning of June. The apparatus is
placed about 80 meters from the blast fur-
naces, near a steam hammer and a train of
cogging rolls. The pig iron is either
charged cold, or is run in a melted state
from a reverberatory furnace, or again di-
rectly from the blast furnace. The gas is
supplied to the apparatus by a Wilson closed
gas producer, blown by means of a small jet
of steam. The air which enters into com-
bustion with the gas in the converter is sup-
plied by the foundry cupola blast pipe, and
heated in the hot-air pipes, which form part
of the apparatus. The rotary motion is im-
parted to the converter by means of a small
portable engine. Lastly, the operation fin-
ished, the movement of overturning is given
by hand by means of an endless screw ar-
rangement. I should add that the appar-
atus is constructed for a maximum charge
of 160 kilograms (352 lbs.) of pig. Since the
first operations several difficulties have been
encountered. In the first place it became
necessary to refit the converter on sev-
eral occasions. It was also necessary to
make several trials before arriving at a
regular working of the gas producer; but,
after the first irregularities inevitable in
such attempts, the apparatus was worked
with sufficient regularity, and enables us to
form a preliminary opinion as to its value.

As a first satisfactory result, we noted the
perfect and literally automatic stirring of
the metal, and the complete and rapid incor-
poration of the 10 to 15 kilograms (22 to 33
lbs.) of rich slag added to the pig as a re-
ducing agent at the commencement of the
operation. Another result to be noted is
that the formation of the single ball was not
accomplished at Tamaris so easily as at Mid-
dlesborough. As a rule, we found that the
ball was formed better whenever the charge
was greater.

In all the operations, even those that were
least successful, the hand labor was not to
be compared with that necessitated by ordi-
nary puddling. Several times, especially
when the charge was at its maximum, the
workmen had only very little to do. The
ball was formed and was detached perfectly
well by itself by the simple action of the
apparatus. The ball thus formed was always
compact, very even on the surface and well
rounded, although slightly oblong. This
clean and easy detachment of the ball pro-
duced a very favorable impression upon
those who witnessed the operation. Its
duration is from 25 to 50 minutes when
molten metal is charged in, and from 45 to
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The balls thus obtained are easily ham-
mered and cogged. The greater weight of
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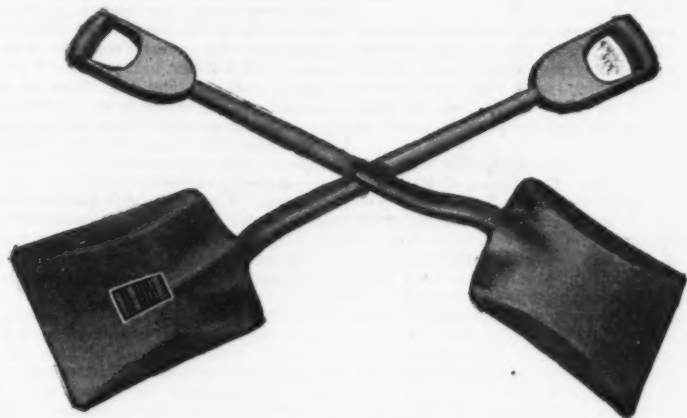
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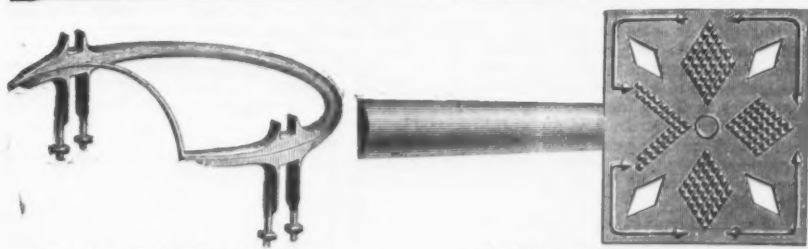
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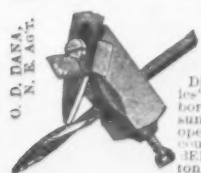
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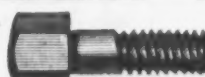


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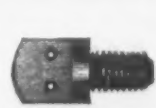
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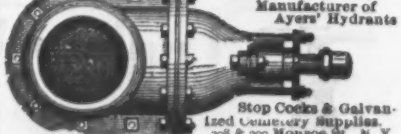
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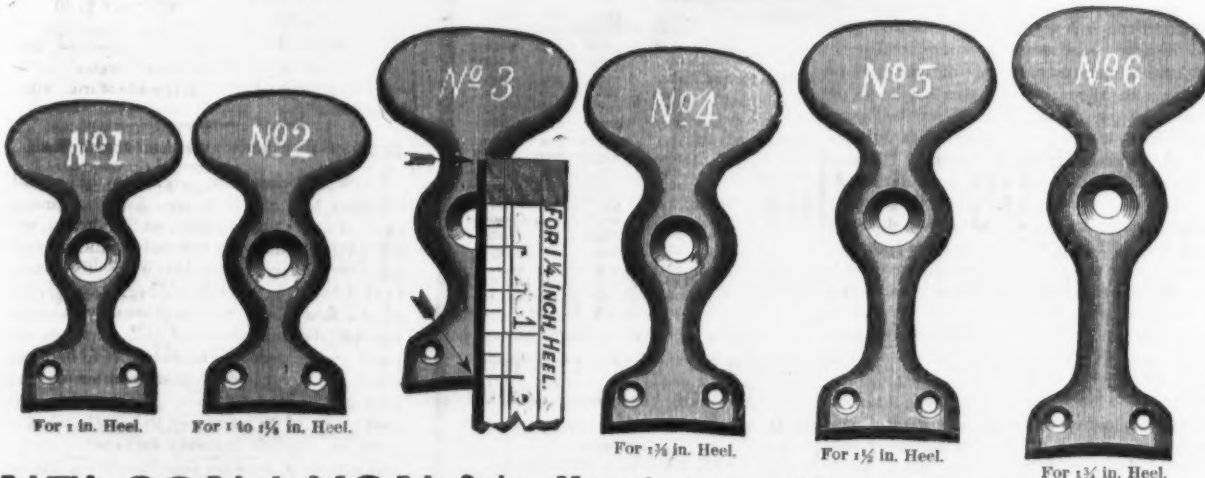
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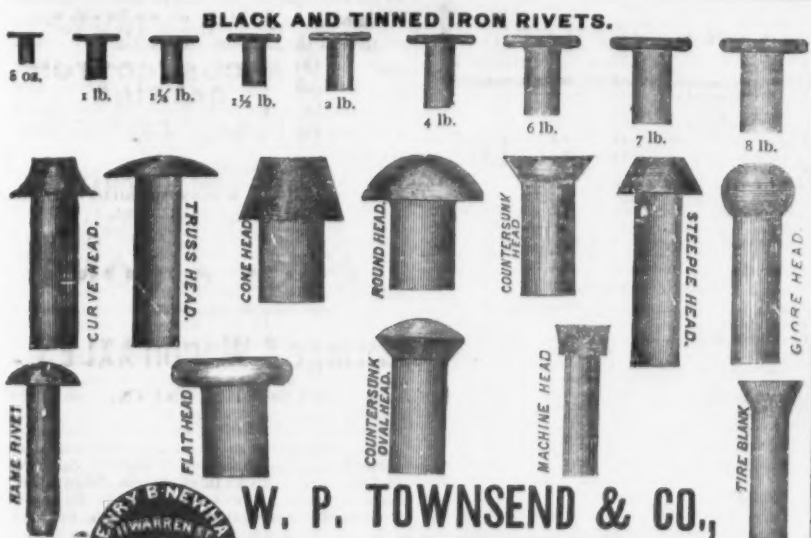
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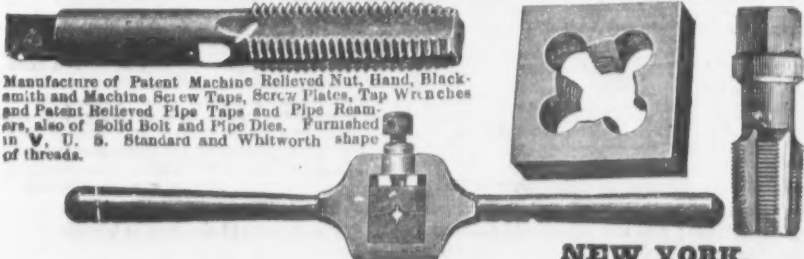


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ture. In the various operations the loss has varied from 6 to 24 per cent. Without being able as yet to account entirely for such a great variation, we have, at any rate, remarked that the greatest amount of loss corresponds to charges which were put in cold and those of a slight weight. On the other hand, it is when using metal run directly from the blast furnace, especially when a maximum weight is charged, that we have obtained the least amount of loss.

The consumption of coal has been from 1000 to 1500 kilograms per 1000 kilograms of puddled iron obtained, not including the coal consumed in the reverberatory furnace when we have employed remelted pig, nor that necessary to work the steam hammer and cogging rolls. As the ordinary puddling furnace always yields the steam necessary for the first working of the iron produced, the suppression of this source of steam requires that it be replaced, and it is important to keep this circumstance in mind while discussing the merits of the Howson apparatus.

The favorable results, then, afforded by these first trials are: Perfect stirring, easy formation of the ball when the charge is made of molten metal in sufficient quantity, and satisfactory appearance and quality of this ball and of the bar which it yields after cogging. On the other hand, there is a greater uncertainty as to what may be the exact loss and the cost of fuel, which has hitherto been excessive. But in speaking of the advantages which the Howson apparatus is capable of affording, there is one which I have purposely reserved until the last, because its singularity, as well as its importance, appears to me worthy of especial attention. I refer to the dephosphorization of the pig effected by the Howson apparatus with dry working and at a low temperature.

When my attention was called to this fact in England by Mr. Howson himself, I experienced a certain degree of perplexity. On the one hand, I could not doubt the assertion of one so competent and so honorable, and, on the other, I could not help saying to myself that these assertions were at complete variance with the general practice at our works, where dephosphorization only takes place in puddling at a very high temperature, and with a considerable amount of boiling. The first analysis of the products of the apparatus soon convinced me that their dephosphorization was equal or superior to that of the irons obtained by ordinary puddling. In order to make myself better acquainted with this phenomenon, I took out of the same tapping some metal which I caused to be puddled simultaneously by the two methods. I added to this pig to kilograms of basic slag in the Howson apparatus, and from 50 to 60 kilograms in the ordinary furnace. The iron resulting from these two puddlings were submitted to analysis, and during the month of June I caused this double puddling, and the analysis of the irons yielded by it, to be repeated several times. I found that on starting with a pig, containing on an average 0.85 of phosphorus, we arrived at the figures of 0.322 in the ordinary puddle bar, and of 0.286 in the iron puddled by the Howson apparatus. There was, then, a difference of 0.036 in favor of the latter. There was no longer room for doubt that dephosphorization had taken place at a low temperature and dry—that is to say, with a very slight addition of slag; but the question now was: What becomes of the phosphorus that thus disappears? According to Mr. Howson, all this phosphorus must become concentrated in the slag that remains. Now, the quantity of residue is always approximately equal to that of the slags added at the commencement of the stirring. The analysis of the slags, taken before and after the operation, gave 2 per cent. of phosphorus in the first class, and 3 per cent. in the second. Now, according to the hypothesis of Mr. Howson, not 3 per cent., but 11 to 12 per cent. of phosphorus ought to have been found in the slags at the operation. The hypothesis of Mr. Howson being thus discarded, we find ourselves in the presence of 8 per cent.; that is to say, out of 10 kilograms (22 lbs.) of slag, a quantity of 800 grams (1 1/2 lbs.) of phosphorus, the disappearance of which is not explained by the analysis. This considerable quantity was evidently not in the dephosphorized iron, and it did not reappear in the slag. What, then, had become of it? Must it be supposed that the phosphorus is evolved from the apparatus, and in what state is it disengaged? I do not open the discussion to which this question may give rise; I only note the singular fact of this dephosphorization by dry puddling, and at a low temperature, and its importance in metallurgical practice.

Such are the results afforded by the first trials of the Howson apparatus, and I will now make a few short observations suggested by them. The first relates to the charging. The Howson apparatus does not seem at present capable of working regularly with charges lower than 150 kilograms (330 lbs.). Besides, always referring to the experiments at Tamaris, this apparatus would appear to require the use of molten metal, which entails two disadvantages. In the first place, the balls obtained with a charge of 150 kilograms (330 lbs.) are not easily worked or handled with the plant now in use at our iron works. Next, the necessity of employing molten metal may oblige us to adopt the alternative either of providing melting furnaces, causing additional loss and expense for fuel, or of erecting the puddling quite close to the blast furnaces, a great undertaking, and one which, in many cases, would lead to serious difficulty. I may add a single observation as to the loss. It has varied from 24 to 6 per cent. This latter figure would, it is true, be satisfactory if it could be obtained regularly. Can the working of the apparatus be mastered sufficiently so as to achieve this result? I have every reason to think so, although we have not yet attained to it at Tamaris. I have been reminded, it is true, that the first Bessemer plant put down gave rise at first to enormous loss, soon reduced to just proportions by a better understanding of the working conditions of the apparatus, and by an increase in the weight of the charges. I think the first of these causes will sufficiently reduce the loss in the Howson apparatus. As to the increase of the

charges, I have enumerated the difficulties brought about by it.

At first sight the consumption of fuel, which was, at Tamaris, from 1000 to 1500 kilograms (1 to 1 1/2 tons) of ordinary coal per ton of puddled iron, is absolutely discouraging, and so much the more so as fuel is consumed for working the steam hammer and the cogging rolls besides, but it must be borne in mind that this excess of consumption is due to causes which are quite accidental. We have never worked regularly; besides, the Wilson gas producer, which was always working, would have sufficed not merely for a single apparatus, but certainly for two, and probably for three.

We can now affirm that with the regular working of two or three machines the cost of fuel would fall to 300 (660 pounds), perhaps to 250 kilograms (one-quarter ton) of coal per ton of puddled iron, which is an excellent result. I would add that the gas-producer of Mr. Wilson is an excellent apparatus. The inventor who proposed to utilize the fuel of inferior quality for heating by means of gas, has thoroughly succeeded.

I will add nothing to what I have just said as to the elimination of the phosphorus. This fact, entirely to the advantage of the Howson puddler, constitutes one of its greatest merits.

By way of summing up, I would say that there exists between the advantages and the disadvantages which our first trials enabled us to ascertain with regard to the Howson machine, the following balance:

That its advantages, as perfection of stirring, the easy formation and exit of the ball and the elimination of a large portion of the phosphorus, are inherent in itself. While its disadvantages, as the necessity of employing the pig in a liquid state, and of dealing with larger masses, all depend upon circumstances which are separate from, and it may be said extraneous to, the apparatus, circumstances which longer trials may ameliorate. And why should I not terminate this paper by saying that we have undertaken these trials at our works especially in the hope of at last banishing from our iron-works that most laborious part of the work, so hard and distressing, which hand puddling imposes on a large number of hands. It is this thought which should lead all men of large heart to hope that the Howson apparatus may happily leave the period of trial in which we see it at the present moment.

Steamboating on the Hudson.

A reporter for *The Iron Age* has obtained from the contractors interesting particulars concerning a superb new iron steamer, to be built immediately for the Albany Day Line on the Hudson River. The Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, of Wilmington, Del., will construct the hull, and the engine, boilers, &c., will be from the works of Fletcher, Harrison & Co., West street, New York. This boat will differ in several essential particulars from any heretofore put afloat. First, she is the pioneer metal steamer in the river passenger trade to Albany. Another distinguishing feature is the transfer of the boilers from the guards, or main-deck, to the hold, thus not only changing the entire appearance of vessels of this class, but making available a large space for the accommodation of passengers, which, until now, was required for the boilers. More than this, the removal of so large a weight from the guards to a point near the keel will impart great stiffness and stability to the craft. The first idea was to build a composite boat, i. e., have an iron waist from the gunwales to within 15 inches of the water-line, and a bottom of wood, covered with copper. Copper was preferred, because calculated to secure greater speed, being smooth, or "slippery;" but on account of strength and lightness, the parties concerned finally decided on iron. Steel would have been lighter yet, but rather more costly, and, as the boat will run so much in fresh water, this consideration had little influence. Wood is the least costly material which could have been used, and the composite plan next higher in the scale in this respect.

A fact of special interest, and not intended for the public, is a sort of experimental test to be made in the boat here described, to determine the comparative durability of iron and steel, a certain number of plates or a certain section being assigned for this purpose.

The dimensions of the hull will be 300 feet on deck and 285 feet at the water line, 40 feet breadth of beam and 67 feet over all, with 11 feet 6 inches depth of hold and 5 feet draft of water. The engines will be similar to others now in use, with a cylinder 73 inches in diameter and 12 feet stroke of piston. There will be three boilers instead of two, on account of the peculiar arrangement below deck, all of the "lobster back" pattern and 8 1/2 feet in diameter, with two furnaces to each, and each will have an independent smoke-stack, which is entirely novel. In regard to the diameter of wheels and other details, nothing is yet decided.

The hull was modeled by Mr. Foulke, of the old shipbuilding firm of Lawrence & Foulke, who is conceded to be the master in this line of art since the days of Collyer Bros., now deceased, and from the reputation enjoyed by Fletcher, Harrison & Co., who are now building Engine No. 93 in their list, it is more than probable that the new steamer will realize the fullest expectations.

The same firm have a contract for rebuilding the Chauncey Vibbard, for the same company, it being the intention to put this steamer in hand immediately at the close of navigation, so that she can run as companion for the new boat in the coming spring. Like her consort, she will have three boilers below deck, making room for commodious passenger saloons forward and aft, both on the main and promenade decks. The iron steamer already commenced will cost approaching \$175,000.

In reference to current rumors, it can only be said that certain capitalists have had in contemplation an independent line to Albany, to consist of first-class steamboats built of steel, but the Day Line people seem to have got the start, and what the effect of this last movement will be is not yet apparent.

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The British *Trade Journal* is inclined to be complimentary to the misguided Americans who, having respectfully declined to follow good British advice, and gone on in their own blind way in search of national prosperity, are just now experiencing the consequences. We quote as follows:

We cannot call the competition of a country like America's foreign competition, as it comes from an Anglo-Saxon nation of the same stock as ourselves; but, looking at it in trade light, it is a foreign competition, and one of a very serious nature. Although Americans are distant cousins of ours, they do not owe a particle of relationship, or even the slightest sympathy in the progress of our affairs, except to circumvent them as far as possible, and thus they are doing with considerable success in many parts of the world. Though so young, as compared with old England, the United States are making gigantic strides in all directions; and in so doing the Americans show that they have all the perseverance, the doggedness, and the pertinacity of the British nation, combined with a certain well-defined selfishness of industry and adroitness which we have not got to anything like the same extent. The energy which they display in all that they undertake is a feature developed by the consciousness of possessing in themselves resources, and by the sub-
use of a certain will to overcome now only be-
gins to feel the strength of these advantages. It would be better for England, both in years and employed, if we could make more trade to

study the industrial position of America, with which very few, comparatively, are acquainted.

This is really very pleasant, and the concluding paragraph is eminently true. The dense ignorance of the average Englishman respecting the history, geography, statistics, social organization and industrial position of this country is something phenomenal, and we suspect that in many cases it is studiously affected. The average American is generally, and often specially, well informed about England and English affairs. To the representative Englishman there is nothing surprising in this fact; but it is a perpetual surprise to Americans who travel in Great Britain, how little its people know of this country or of the happenings on this side of the Atlantic.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science recently met at Saratoga, and within the space of a few days dispatched a vast amount of business. The work done by this large and influential scientific body is not intended to be confined to an interchange of opinion and a mutual communication of the results of the labors of a limited number of scientists. Its sphere of usefulness is extended far beyond these narrower limits, and embraces the enlightenment of the public at large, to whom it offers the means and extends facilities for a wider dissemination of scientific truth. As the newly-elected president, Prof. G. F. Barker, of Philadelphia, tersely put it in his opening address, the association has for its object the advancement of science, not only by the discovery of new truth, but also by the diffusion of that already known. This duplex character of its aims is reflected in its proceedings, which deserve and have obtained the careful consideration of the technical journals and the press in general. The papers read assume the shape of addresses, general and historical, discussions of certain branches of science, and of contributions to a more restricted field, embodying the latest researches of some specialist. The former class appeal more especially to the general public, while the latter claim the attention and call out the views of a few scientists working in special fields. The recent meeting has been eminently successful in both directions. As striking examples of able, popularized expositions of the successes of special branches of science, we may cite Prof. Marsh's address on the "History and Methods of Paleontological Discovery," of which we printed an abstract in the last issue of *The Iron Age*; Major Powell's "Mythologic Paleontology;" Prof. Peirce's paper on the "Sideral Universe," and Prof. Barnard's exhaustive essay on the "Past State of the World's Metrology as Bearing on the Progress of Science." Prominent among the records of special scientific research, are Mr. Michelson's "Experimental Determination of the Velocity of Light," Prof. Riley's "Philosophy of the Pupation of Butterflies," Prof. Leeds' "Solubility of Ozone in Water," Prof. Ball's papers on new experiments with the telephone, Prof. Morley's "Variation of the Proportion of Oxygen in the Air," and Edison's "Phenomena of Heating Metal in Vacuum by Means of an Electric Current." Of some of these papers we shall give careful abstracts, based, whenever possible, on the original papers submitted. We need now refer only to one matter.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Barker has touched a subject upon which his views are hardly in accordance with what he professes to consider the true object of the association whose president he has just become. We refer to his utterances on the relations between the scientist and the inventor. He is reported to have said, in substance, that the scientific discoverer has been in the past, and is very generally in the present, independent of the inventor and has preceded him, and that men appreciate the invention because it has a money value and enriches their pockets. He claims that the discovery of the fact which is afterward usefully applied, is obviously of far more importance than the mere application of it, and that therefore original research should be more fully recognized and encouraged by our men of means. The man, he says, who patiently investigates truth for its own sake, and resolutely denies himself the good things of this life that he may obtain it, is more worthy of high honors than the hero of a thousand battles. There is implied in this an antagonism, or rather a jealousy, of inventors on the part of scientists which we believe ought not to exist. No one should be less ready to give way to it than the president of the Association for the Advancement of Science, one of whose greatest missions we conceive to be to furnish the means of approach between men whose cooperation would do much to better the condition of the human race. We appreciate the efforts of men who deny themselves the good things of this life in searching for truth for its own sake, but we fail to see the necessity of their abstinence, and believe that they are perfectly justified in looking into the practical sides of the scientific question which they are so well trained to observe. The time when it was considered below the dignity of a scientist to follow out his researches to their applications has as certainly passed, as the days in which an inventor might over night stumble across

valuable improvements in industry or the arts. At the present time, the scientific training required to develop an invention into the full utility of which it is capable, is becoming more and more exacting. The future, even more than the present, will call for men who combine broad scientific knowledge and practical experience. To them men of means will never deny assistance.

There is perhaps no country in which this is so well understood as in ours, and in which scientists are so quick to perceive the practical value of their discoveries. In industrial pursuits also the importance of a close scrutiny of recent research is fully appreciated. We know of no better example of this recognition than is found in metallurgy, and notably in the manufacture of iron and steel. Prof. Barker, we believe, does wrong in speaking slightly of the application of scientific discoveries. The discovery and the application are equally important, and not until this fact is fully recognized will both the discoverer and the inventor reap the full benefit of their labors, whether they are seeking pecuniary reward or the gratification of having found truth for its own sake.

Our Commercial Interests in Egypt.

The precise amount of American products which Egypt consumes it is not easy to ascertain, inasmuch as the statistics of the Treasury Department at Washington only mention our direct dealings with Turkey, of which Egypt forms a part, while via Malta a considerable trade is going on all the time under the Greek flag, furnishing the Egyptians petroleum and other American products. There is, however, no doubt that Egypt is consuming a good many of our American exports, and is capable of absorbing our domestic manufactures to a greater extent in the future. But aside from our present and future commercial relations with Egypt, that country, now forming the high road between the East and West, is directly or indirectly of great interest to us, and recent events have again directed to her the attention of the world at large very particularly. Availing ourselves of statistics embracing the year 1877, just published by the Egyptian government, we shall endeavor to cast some additional light upon the actual status of that country, and draw some conclusions as to its probable future.

The growing political, strategical and commercial importance of Egypt has, ever since the great French revolution, been practically recognized by England and France. Napoleon I, under the banner of the first French republic, made an abortive and disastrous attempt to conquer Egypt, England successfully thwarting his undertaking. In 1840, but for the meekness of Louis Philippe, king of the French, Egypt would have kindled a conflagration involving all the great warlike powers of Europe. Since the Crimean war a better understanding, fortunately, prevails between the two great western nations, and although England was at first hostile, from mere jealousy, to the French engineering enterprise of cutting the Suez Canal, a proper understanding in the interest of both and of the world at large, has now been established between England and France with respect to Egypt and its financial and political control. Although not formally guaranteed internationally, the neutrality of the Suez Canal and the adjacent country is tolerably well secured, for should France be unwilling or incapable of defending it, there would be Russia, Germany and Italy, together with the remaining maritime nations, to do so. England, it is true, has assumed a practical and legitimate control of a financial nature by buying the former Khedive's canal shares, but the other maritime nations will never allow her to misconstrue this lien into a right of military occupation. Still, it cannot be denied that the possession of the shares in itself implies a hidden threat, inasmuch as a first class European power is the owner, and it was so felt and understood in France and elsewhere when the first news of Great Britain's purchase was made known. At all events, it serves as a warning in view of the eventual cutting of a Central American canal. Colombia and Nicaragua are weak States, subject to continual revolutions, the former in particular, and its most important province, Panama, has during the past six months been repeatedly the scene of unbridled anarchy, bloodshed, and consequent insecurity to passengers and goods in transit between oceans.

The proper safeguards are necessary to protect international interests confined to a region where the framework of government rests on the success at "pronunciamientos" of any robber-politician. Hence the deep interest which the American people take in the future of these countries, through which the highway of interoceanic commerce will lie.

As for international interests in connection with the Suez Canal, it seems almost too late now to place matters relating to them on a less equivocal and more acceptable footing. The Suez Canal has become a great commercial fact; it has revolutionized the trade with the East, and has to be dealt with as one of the great achievements of modern skill and enterprise, speaking volumes in favor of a similar canal on this side. I have, besides, in the course of the past few years proved an eminently profitable undertaking, and while in its gloomiest days its

shares declined to 20 per cent., they are now worth 140 per cent. Inseparable as this international highway is from a politically safe condition of the country it traverses, the status of Egypt herself is not a matter of indifference to the outside world, and the new government just installed, it is hoped, will allay all apprehension in this respect. It is believed that it will be more economical and less corrupt than its predecessor, and that the poor fellahs will be better protected against a grinding despotism, the greediness and land grasping of money lenders and from famine.

Egypt is divided into

	Area square miles.	Population.
Egypt proper.....	330,000	5,000,000
Nubia.....	330,000	1,000,000
Soudan (Dar Fur) Harar.....	330,000	10,800,000
Total.....	880,000	17,400,000

The population of Egypt proper includes 85,000 foreigners, of whom 34,000 are Greeks, 17,000 Frenchmen, 14,000 Italians, 6,000 Austrians, 6,000 Englishmen and 1100 Germans. The principal cities are:

	Population.
Cairo (19,120 foreign).....	349,883
Alexandria (47,316 foreign).....	212,034
Damietta (50 foreign).....	50,383
Rosetta (10 foreign).....	15,000
Suez (250 foreign).....	13,400
Port Said (250 foreign).....	8,671
and besides Tanta, 60,000; Zagazig, 40,000; Syout, 27,470; Damahour, 25,000; and Mansoura, 16,170 inhabitants.	

The increase of population by immigration is slow, there being an excess of arrivals over departures during five years (1873-77) of, together, 19,191 souls; the excess of births over deaths, together, 1,054,383 between 1846 and 1877 in Egypt proper. As it is, it takes 108 years to double the population of Egypt, while in Greece it takes 42 years, in Roumania 74 years.

The following has been the trade movement:

EGYPT'S TRADE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. (In Thousands of Dollars.)				
	Import Ex'pt.		Total	Total
Great Britain.....	1874	14,315	25,400	64,715
	1875	15,710	49,358	65,071
	1876	13,830	49,307	61,747
	1877	13,830	45,130	57,840—240,373
France.....	1874	4,005	7,454	12,350
	1875	5,738	6,000	11,738
	1876	4,105	6,875	10,980
	1877	4,015	7,771	11,786—47,406
Austria.....	1874	2,995	4,103	6,198
	1875	2,754	3,696	6,380
	1876	2,223	2,553	4,880
	1877	2,223	2,480	4,149—22,500
Italy.....	1874	1,141	1,451	2,192
	1875	1,403	2,023	3,426
	1876	904	2,455	3,359
	1877	904	3,877	4,800—14,783
Ind., Chi. & Jap.....	1874	1,135	11	1,136
	1875	1,478	5	1,483
	1876	824	...	...
	1877	824	...	884—4,006
Turkey.....	1874	424	2,004	2,428
	1875	354	2,044	2,398
	1876	168	1,859	2,020
	1877	458	2,027	2,485—9,309
Russia.....	1874	179	1,856	1,666
	1875	26	1,190	1,246
	1876	30	3,654	3,684
	1877	40	1,498	1,544—8,589
United States.....	1874	332	106	438
	1875	238	97	315
	1876	201	109	310
	1877	201	179	380—1,904
Greece.....	1874	75	302	377
	1875	109	254	363
	1876	115	224	339
	1877	94	240	334—1,419
Other countries.....	1874	208	85	293
	1875	209	154	363
	1876	217	118	335
	1877	194	321	515—1,306
Totals.....	1874	25,201	67,203	92,404
	1875	27,999	68,061	96,060
	1876	21,348	67,408	88,756
	1877	23,309	63,569	86,878—360,835

The three principal custom houses participated in collecting duties on imports in the following proportion. Alexandria, 95 per cent.; Damietta, 10 per cent., and Port Said-Suez, 4 per cent.

IMPORTS. (In Thousands of Dollars.)				
	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Woven goods.....	7,600	8,772	7,479	8,091
Clothing and boots.....	3,889	4,743	2,819	3,218
Preserves.....	1,437	1,676	1,349	1,047
Liquors and beer.....	1,103	1,205	930	530
Oil.....	749	797	931	622
Iron and manufactures.....	746	816	469	804
Indigo.....	456	507	357	504
Yarns.....	613	671	641	661
Iron and manufactures.....	771	481	741	596
Lumber.....	799	717	509	435
Sugar, refined.....	456	558	303	586
Drugs.....	340	415	356	591
Candles.....	307	321	314	299
Machinery.....	300	132	343	174
Silk.....	375	160	63	215
Skins.....	101	199	221	173
Cabinetware.....	249	360	166	75
Paper.....	150	177	185	230
Other goods.....	4,483	4,838	5,313	5,639
Total.....	25,201	27,997	21,139	22,334

EXPORTS. (In Thousands of Dollars.)				
	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Cotton.....	48,091	44,003	43,551	35,578
Breadstuffs.....	3,729	8,810	10,476	10,889
Cotton seed.....	6,515	6,180	7,236	8,079
Sugar.....	3,610	8,406	25,320	4,633
Gums.....	3,333	1,119	874	835
Skins.....	588	554	568	624
Oilrich feathers.....	822	590	384	401
Wool.....	377	397	374	435
Rags.....	228	234	338	350
Ivory.....	243	485	159	306
Wax.....	19	150	71	59
Other goods.....	1,607	1,404	983	1,140
Total.....	67,203	66,268	67,404	63,369

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF MERCHANT CRAFT.
—Coastwise.—Seaward.—Totals.—
Ves. Ton. Ves. Ton. Ves. Ton.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Cotton.....	2,701,831	2,380,717	1,533,560	371,794	
1874.....	2,755,311	4,310,412	1,702,701	386,713	
1875.....	2,428,576	3,728,355	1,937,148	484,486	
1876.....	2,379,557	4,124,843	2,008,487	540,181	
1877.....	2,211,413	4,212,235	2,004,858	417,803	
Total.....	12,456,387	21,264,984	9,548,846	2,203,969	

There are engaged in field labor in Egypt proper 1,855,385 persons; in various pursuits, 591,230; and the priesthood embraces 274,740 individuals. The sexes are about equally divided.

While our war lasted and for the ensuing year or two, cotton had become a valuable product, and even the fellah began to prosper in his way. Since then the Khedive has made strenuous efforts to encourage the cultivation of the sugar cane, which would also have proved tolerably profitable in the rich soil of the banks of the Nile, if he had gone to work in a less hasty and extravagant manner. The outlay for sugar houses and machinery, under the advice of interested parties, was by far too great, and although the Khedive had the satisfaction of stamping out of the ground, so to say, a great sugar production, it did not prove a profitable industry, taken as a whole, the less so as prices remained depressed through the competition of beet-root and colonial sugar. The Egyptian bondholders in reality had to foot the shortcomings, the same as they have had to foot the many private fancies—especially in an architectural way—of the Khedive.

On May 7, 1876, the amount of money borrowed by the government and by the Khedive on his own territorial possessions since 1861, was £54,793,150, and this, together with the old floating debt (£36,206,850), was consolidated in a 7 per cent. bond issue, aggregating some £91,000,000, to which there must be added of new floating debt £9,243,928. The present debt, therefore, amounts more or less to some \$500,000,000 of our money. To pay the interest thereon, with the cotton crop last year a partial failure, and while the taxes in the bulk had to be collected from the fellahs, starving as they were, has been a difficult matter; hence the financial supervision instituted by England and France on behalf of the bondholders, finally leading to the abdication of the Khedive in favor of his son.

Egypt's merchant navy consists of 555 sailing vessels of, together, 30,909 tons, and 30 steamers of 28,965; joint number of vessels, 585; tonnage, 59,874. Of railroads there were last year in operation 1116 miles; telegraphs, 4127 miles; length of wire, 8757. The post office received and forwarded between 1873 and 1874 (fiscal year), 1,908,944 inland letters and 417,657 foreign ones.

Although poor crops will occasionally occur through irregularities in the inundations of the Nile, the average result is satisfactory, and the resources of Egypt in soil, climate and cheap labor are such that, under a less extravagant administration, the country may be made to prosper again, and its finances and general status may be materially improved, while raising the poor laborer to a condition of less abject slavery than the one he now occupies. One of the reforms which the financial condition of Egypt imperatively demands, is the abrogation of exemption from taxes which foreigners enjoy under cover of the so-called "capitulations."

English Journals and American Rail.

During the last few weeks we have had occasion to note that the English press, in some cases unwittingly, and in others, we fear, intentionally, is misunderstanding and misinterpreting the situation of the rail trade in this country. While we regret the errors of the first class, we emphatically protest against the unwarranted and senseless attacks of the second—unwarranted, because there has never been any disposition on the part of the leading trade journals and general press of this country to belittle what is great in English industry and engineering; and senseless, because the statements made, if true, would have an effect just the opposite of what they are intended to produce. As an example of the crude and erroneous views of some journals, we would cite those printed in the *London Times*, while we would point to the *Engineer* as a leader of those papers which appear to be ready to seize any occasion to print misstatements calculated to injure the reputation of American manufactures.

To American readers the following passage, written by a correspondent of the *Times*, is news of the freshest kind:

A reaction has lately been going on in the United States in favor of iron rails, which the iron trade of South Wales has already begun to feel in the shape of some welcome American orders. This partly arises from the fact that, though the life of a steel rail is longer than that of an iron one, the latter can be converted when worn out, and thus commences a new life. But it is doubtful, after all, whether, assuming each kind of rail to be of the very best, there is so much difference in the wearing qualities. An iron rail has been lately exhibited at the American Institute of Mining Engineers which was made in 1870, and has since carried 67,000,000 gross tons of freight, carriages and engines. With all this immense strain during nine years, the rail was only worn at the top of the head for three-sixteenths of an inch. Perhaps, after all, the iron age is not so near its extinction as has been prophesied.

Commenting upon this, the *Engineer*, after correcting some of its more obvious errors, says:

The true reason why American railway companies begin once more to regard iron with favor, is that the steel rails made in America are

compared with iron rails, that they are willing to go to England to cover their demands. To any one who has read the market reports of *The Iron Age*, these facts are perfectly familiar. All our steel rail mills are so overrun with orders that they can only enter into new contracts specifying delivery far into the next year. Those of our railways whose managers have been forced to replenish supplies without delay, have turned to the iron rail manufacturers, not because of "a reaction in favor of iron," but on account of pressing need. There are many well-authenticated cases of both English and American iron rails which have shown an exceptionally good record; and there can be no doubt that the same mills—for instance, the Philadelphia and Reading—to which the English correspondent alludes, and many others in this country, manufacture a superior rail. But, all to the contrary notwithstanding, it remains a fact, which the recent exceptional state of affairs has not shaken, that steel is, as a material for rails, superior to iron. The *Engineer* would do well to glance at the history of the steel and iron rail trades, as exhibited in Mr. Swank's reports to the Iron and Steel Association. To the writings of this gentleman we would also refer the conductors of that journal for the future prospects of the iron rail trade, and the field which is likely to be reserved for it.

Some misunderstanding is likely to result from the fact that, in a few instances, iron rails have been bought in Wales for export to this country, at prices slightly higher than those charged for steel rails. The English papers which have called attention to this fact, do not say anything about the quality of the steel rails which can be had cheaper than the iron ones bought; but we presume they were rather poor, while the iron rails are no doubt very good. The real reason, however, for the preference shown for iron in these cases, is that the difference in the duty makes the iron considerably cheaper than the steel to consumers. This may be an anomalous condition of affairs, but it is only temporary, and when the Vulecan Works are in full operation the increased production of steel rails will make short work of the import trade in British iron rails. It is much to be regretted that these works were not started last year.

A great deal of foolish talk has originated in the fact that a government contract for certain ironwork, needed for the completion of the new building for the War, State and Navy Departments, has gone begging. That it shows, as some writers are pleased to assume, that by further protecting the iron industry under the tariff the government is working against its own interests, we deny, and we think this conclusion could only be reached by a line of very peculiar reasoning. The shapes wanted by the government are peculiar, and can only be made by a few firms. Just now these firms happen to be extremely busy working on orders, and are unable to do the work wanted by the supervising architect of the Treasury Department. Such a thing has, we believe, never happened before, and is not likely to happen again. The government has always found manufacturers eager to do its work, and usually ready to contract for prompt delivery at prices lower than the work could be done for in the navy yards or other government works. The difficulty at the present moment is that, in view of the advance in prices, every consumer of iron has become an eager purchaser, and the sudden demand has taxed the capacity of the works to an extent which cannot continue. Present works will be enlarged, new works built, or in some other way—possibly by a falling off in the urgent demand—the mills will be relieved. Why a prosperity which is full of benefit to all classes, should be regarded as inviting hostile legislation designed to cripple this industry and force it to meet a competition which would permanently injure the producer, without bringing any permanent—and perhaps no temporary—advantage to the consumer, is a question which could only be answered satisfactorily by those who would rather see the country crippled by free trade than prosper under a tariff.

We learn from the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, that "nearly 20,000 tons" of iron rails have been purchased in New South Wales for immediate delivery in "the United States." Now this is most alarming. British and Continental competition is bad enough, but if our rail makers have to compete for home orders with those of New South Wales as well, the time cannot be far distant when Macaulay's New Zealand will start on his travels, and instead of doing what that great historian predicted, will probably sit on George's Hill, or High School Hill, as the case may be, and contemplate with interest the ruins which mark the site of Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, according to circumstances. What remarkable changes time brings about—and how sudden-like!

We publish in another column a communication from Mr. Killebrew, the accomplished Commissioner of Agriculture, Statistics and Mines of Tennessee, on the advantages offered by Nashville as a location for blast furnaces. Mr. Killebrew is thoroughly conversant with the numerous details and circumstances affecting the prosperity of iron manufacturing enterprises, and has

done much by careful and conscientious work to bring into notice the importance of the mineral resources of the South. His figures of the cost of smelting iron, given in the letter referred to, are startling, but deserve attention, as they come from one whose publications have been free from the grossly exaggerated statements which, unfortunately, have too often characterized the reports emanating from many writers on Southern ironmaking.

The Ponsard Furnace.

(Continued from Sept. 4, page 3.)

From a report made by M. A. Cambresy, of Paris, we take the following account of the treatment of a charge of phosphoric pig, made in his presence at Thy-le-Château by the use of the basic lining and the basic additions of S. G. Thomas:

The dephosphorization of the pig is effected by the reaction produced by the addition and the mixture, at a high temperature, of calcareous highly basic slag, obtained by the previous fusion of a mixture of ground limestone and iron ore, holding 66 per cent. of metal. In conjunction with this mixture, additions are also made of burnt lime or lime mixed with iron ore, during the course of the operation itself. The necessity of these additions is determined by the tests drawn from the bath and cast into small ingot molds.

The refining of the pig, or its conversion into steel, is accomplished by blowing in air. To effect this, after the blast is put on the hearth is turned on its axis by means of a windlass placed at the back of the furnace, and the tuyeres are thus brought to the lowest point, situated on the front of the furnace, diametrically opposite its starting point.

The duration of the blowing depends upon the kind of pig iron operated upon; generally it does not exceed 25 minutes. In order to secure the success of the operation, Mr. Ponsard has divided his treatment into two parts. In the first, which commences when the metal has reached the desired temperature, he makes a first dephosphorizing addition of about two-thirds of the total additions. Then, after complete fusion, he blows in air for about 10 minutes. After that he proceeds to run off the cinder produced, which has already taken up the greater part of the phosphorus in the pig. After removing the cinder he adds the remaining third of the calcareous mixture and, after fusion of the mass, he completes the conversion into steel by blowing in air for only 15 to 20 minutes. Then, the hearth being brought back to its original position, he runs the metal into a previously heated ladle and pours the metal into the ingot molds.

On the 6th of March, 1879, we were invited to be present at trials of the Forno-Convertisseur established at the works of Messrs. Blondiaux & Cie., Thy-le-Château. We report on them as follows:

At 6.50 a. m. the furnace, being previously heated to its normal temperature, was charged with 4000 kilograms of cold Luxembourg pig iron and 500 kilograms of old rails. At 9.5 the charge was melted.

It is scarcely necessary to remark that, in the ordinary working of the Forno-Convertisseur, it will suit better to make the charge hot; that is to say, to introduce the metal in a molten state, in order to save precious time. Forty to 45 minutes should then be sufficient to heat it to the point where the operation really commences in the Forno-Convertisseur. This hot and rapid charging can be easily effected by a special cupola, which does not form a part of the experimental plant at the works of Thy-le-Château.

Then the first addition, composed of 200 kilograms of limestone (corresponding to about 100 kilograms of lime) and 120 kilograms of iron ore (66 percent. metallic iron), was introduced on the hearth. After these materials were melted, a sample of the cinder was drawn, and then a mixture of 33 kilograms of lime and 66 kilograms of iron ore were added. After a second examination of the cinder, a mixture of 17 kilograms of lime and 33 kilograms of iron ore were again added. Finally, after a third examination of the cinder, a fourth addition of 50 kilograms of lime and 25 kilograms of iron ore was made. Up to that time, therefore, there had been added 544 kilograms of material, consisting of 300 kilograms of lime and 244 kilograms of iron ore.

The repeated trials which we have just mentioned would evidently not occur in the continuous operation of the process, treating always the same material. In experiments, these repeated trials are unavoidable, for, as will be easily understood, each particular kind of pig iron requires additions in special proportions, which can scarcely be determined excepting by practice.

The bath being well melted, the blast was applied and the hearth was given half a turn, so as to bring the tuyeres under the level of the bath. The first application of the blast lasted for 10 minutes. The pressure gauge of the blowing engine (that of the blast furnace of the works) marked a pressure of 280 rams. After 10 minutes the hearth was turned back to its original position and the blast was stopped. A few moments were allowed the mass, so violently agitated by the blast, to settle on the hearth in the order of density, and then the floating cinder was run off. A final addition, composed of a mixture of 100 kilograms of basic cinder and 50 kilograms of burnt lime, was made. These materials being completely melted, the blast was again applied, the hearth put in motion and brought round to the same position as during the first blow. This second blow lasted 16 minutes, during which time various tests of the bath were examined. At the end of that time the hearth was brought back to its first position and the blast stopped. After some time of rest, 70 kilograms of ferromanganese were added and the metal was run into a ladle previously heated for that purpose. It was then 12.5 p. m.

From the facts which have just been stated, it follows:

1. That the total additions amounted to 634 kilograms of material, which includes 413 kilograms of lime and 244 kilograms

of iron ore. These additions were designed for the dephosphorization of the metal.

2. That the total duration of the blow proper was 26 minutes.

3. That the total duration of the operation was from 8.30 a. m. (when the metal was properly heated) till 12.15 p. m., say three hours 45 minutes for the charge given. We should observe that this time will be considerably reduced in ordinary continuous working, in works conveniently fitted up with the view of operating only the Ponsard process, and giving all the convenience and facilities which can scarcely be expected in an experimental outfit. We estimate the time necessary for ordinary treatment of a charge with the Ponsard Forno-Convertisseur, properly fitted up, at three hours 15 minutes.

Production.—In order to form an estimate of the production possible with a Ponsard apparatus, it may be well to state that the loss in the operation, that is to say, by mechanical action, oxidation during the reaction and the blowing period, and the elimination of the impurities contained in the pig iron, may be put down at 15 per cent. of the initial charge. Although the trials of the process have been made with a charge of 4500 kilograms, it is evident that the charge may, without any practical inconvenience, be increased to 6000 kilograms.

The production of Ponsard steel by an operation will therefore be 5100 kilograms, say, in round figures, 5000 kilograms.

The duration of an operation in ordinary working may be estimated as follows:

Minutes.
Charging molten pig iron..... 10
Reheating the metal charged..... 45
First addition and fusion of cinder (reaction)..... 15
Running off the first cinder..... 15
Second addition of cinder, fusion and reaction..... 15
Settling, addition of ferromanganese..... 10
Casting..... 15
Cleaning the furnace, stopping up, &c..... 30

Total..... 195
Say 3 hours 15 minutes, to which it may be well to add for contingencies and extraordinary repairs 10 minutes per operation. Three hours 25 minutes may, therefore, be counted on as the ordinary duration—say 7 operations in the 24 hours.

The production of one apparatus will, therefore, be 35 tons of ingot steel. Say for a year of 300 effective working days, 10,500 tons of refined metal.

Net Cost.—We will distinguish, in estimating the net cost of manufacturing, the three ordinary elements in the account, viz.: Materials, labor and general charges.

Materials.—Pig iron charged per apparatus per day (counting for convenience sake the scrap accumulated from the waste of the rolling mills at the same price as the pig itself, 42.00 kilos at 8 francs per ton; a slightly higher rate than the actual, say..... 2016.00

Cinder.—For addition, composed of 50 per cent. lime and 50 per cent. iron ore, assuming the theoretical figure of 8 (eight) times the quantity of phosphorus in the charge (say 15 thousandths), we arrive at a consumption of 648 kilos of cinder, composed of 324 kilos of lime, or 648 kilos of limestone, at 5 francs per ton, say 30.25, and 304 kilos of ore, at 15 francs per ton, say 45.60, making together..... 75.85

Ferromanganese.—About 700 kilos. per day, at 300 francs per ton..... 210.00

Fuel.—1. Melting the charge in a cupola, including all labor complete, estimated at 5 francs per ton..... 210.00

2. Supply of the Forno-Convertisseur, fuel for a gas-producer consuming 250 kilos. of coal per hour, say 6000 kilos per day, at the rate of 18 francs per ton..... 108.00

3. Fuel for the blowing engine, stoves and heating the ladle, estimated at 5 tons per day, at 18 francs per ton..... 90.00

Labor.—Complete staff of a furnace, consisting of 2 foremen at 6 francs per day, and 10 workmen at 5 francs per day, say per gang 62 francs, and per day..... 124.00

General Charges.—1. Wear and tear, maintenance of the furnace, hearth and vault, lime bricks, repairs to tools and petty expenses, estimated..... 125.00

2. Cost of direction, salaries, sinking fund, office and traveling expenses, &c., at the rate of 1 franc per ton produced, say per furnace per day..... 35.00

Together..... 2093.60

Contingencies..... 26.39

Total..... 2120.00

Say per ton of steel in the rough:

$\frac{2120}{35} = 60.57$ francs 30 centimes.

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It will be noticed that the cost of making ingot steel by the Forno-Convertisseur is practically the same as that by the Bessemer, and considerably less than by the Martin-Siemens process. This fact is easily explained.

In the Bessemer process the waste of the pig iron by the blowing is much greater, because the temperature must be raised by the combustion of the elements of the metal itself. Besides, the cost of constructing the apparatus being considerably greater, the general expenses are thereby increased, and these differences offset the small expense relatively speaking, of the dephosphorizing additions in the Ponsard process.

In the Martin-Siemens process the expenses are very considerably greater than in the Ponsard process, because, on the one hand, the decarburization is effected by means of additions of metallic iron, which costs more than the pig iron treated; and, on the other hand, in the conversion into steel, which takes place by reaction, the operations are very much more lengthy and the fixed daily expenses are distributed over a much smaller output.

In any case the Ponsard process presents over the other two systems with which we have compared it, the indisputable advantage of using a more abundant and much less costly raw material, the difference in the cost of which is clear gain to it.

In order to show more clearly the benefits to be derived from the Ponsard process, we will follow the manufacture up to the marketable product; that is to say, we will add to the net cost which we have just calculated, the expense of converting the rough ingot steel into rails, small beams, angles, plates, &c. These expenses are the same for the metals produced by the other systems now in use, and for the steel produced by the Ponsard system. We may count them, on an average, per ton of rails, small beams, angles, &c.; that is to say, per ton of shaped steel bars (waste included), 30 francs, and per ton of heavy plate (waste included), 45 francs. We can, therefore, allow as the cost of production by the Ponsard system: For steel rails, per ton, 117 francs; for heavy steel plate, per ton, 132 francs.

Mr. Ponsard has completed the plans and estimates for an establishment for the application of his process by means of four Forno-Convertisseurs, of which three will be running constantly, together with rolling mills intended to convert the whole output of steel into marketable articles, such as shaped bars, plates, &c.

From the data previously stated, we have seen that the annual out-turn of one apparatus will be 10,500 tons of ingot steel; say for the three apparatus together, a total annual production of 31,500 tons of ingot steel, producing, after taking account of the scraps or waste, which is again submitted to treatment:

17,500 tons of steel rails, at a net cost of 117 francs.
8,077 tons of steel plates, at a net cost of 122 francs.

25,577 tons altogether.

Taking into account a considerable reduction in the selling price, a reduction which it is necessary to provide against on account of sacrifices to be made in order to have the new Ponsard steel adopted in practical industry, it is shown from the considerations which we have stated, that, without fear of miscalculation, a net profit of 20 francs per ton of Ponsard steel rails may be counted on, and a net profit of 40 francs per ton of steel plates. Under these restricted conditions the manufacture, as we have stated, will give an annual profit of:

Steel rails..... 17,500 x 20 = 350,000
Steel plates..... 8,077 x 40 = 323,080

Together..... 673,080

The examination which we have made of the Ponsard system leads us to mention specially our appreciation on the following points, viz.:

Dephosphorization.—The dephosphorization of the pig iron submitted to the treatment is a fact beyond dispute, as shown in the analyses, of which we have given the results in our report.

This point is an extremely important one, either from a scientific or industrial point of view. It secures to the Ponsard process a general application and unusual profits by the production of a metal in much demand, from a raw material presenting considerable economy over that at present employed. This phenomenon, so much desired up to this time, finds its explanation in the nature of the purifying additions themselves, and the high temperature at which the reactions are effected; in fact, not only is the temperature maintained at the minimum of the melting of steel, as in the Martin-Siemens furnace, but, in addition, by blowing in air for decarburization, the combustion of silicon, &c., raises the temperature still further, similar to the phenomena which occur in the Bessemer process. No doubt can exist as regards this.

Apparatus.—The Ponsard apparatus, especially its central part—the inclined and movable hearth—which constitutes the new element of his invention, is easily managed. In practice, it presents by its arrangement all the elements necessary for modifying the working according to the special conditions presented in working raw materials of different kinds. In this respect, it may be asserted that its introduction into industry will not present any difficulty which cannot be quickly overcome, and continuous application will ensure a constantly increasing certainty in the results. In a word, it is a practical apparatus.

Cost.—If we should compare the Ponsard process with the Bessemer and Martin-Siemens processes, presuming that they all treat the same pig iron, we would find in the Ponsard furnace great advantages over the others. In fact, as compared with the Bessemer converter, the Ponsard apparatus presents the advantage of a much less expensive plant. Besides, the operation is most easily managed, because the apparatus presents facilities for correction or for modification of the composition of the bath, which the Bessemer apparatus does not permit of in the course of converting. In the same way, the Ponsard apparatus has over the Martin-Siemens furnace the advantage of great rapidity of work, which diminishes the net cost of the products considerably.

These are, briefly, the results of M. Cambresy's investigations, which, we may add, were made by him for a company that has bought the patent rights for France, and is now erecting four furnaces and a complete plant at Croil, near Paris. The chief items which go to make up the cost of the process are given in his estimate printed above, which may be easily adapted to circumstances here.

Death of an Inventor.—Mr. William H. Howard died on Sunday, at his home, Media, Delaware County, aged 82 years. Deceased was an inventor. Born in Ware, Mass., at the time when American manufactures were just expanding from the relief from British laws, under difficulties that were met and overcome by Whitney, Fulton and Bigelow, with a mind as inventive and skill as great, he has contributed largely to the present supremacy of American machinery. In Worcester he was the inventor of the wire machinery that, in the hands of Mr. Washburne, his partner, was carried to its present grand consummation. His favorite saying was that machinery can be invented to perform whatever the hands can execute. Machinery for him regulated manifold motions in looms, drew wire and lead pipe, sorted type and braided straw. His rank as a woolen manufacturer, engineer, and, in late years, as a magistrate, will be strongly remembered in Philadelphia, Worcester and Media as a leading genius in his line. His friends seemed limited only by the number of his acquaintances. His funeral will take place at Media on Thursday. The remains will be interred in Woodlands Cemetery.

In considering the prospect of a heavy gold movement to this country, the present plethoric condition of reserves of the great European banks is a most important factor. According to the last published statements, the Bank of England held £35,368,000, against £21,780,000 a year ago; the Bank of France, £50,032,000, against £36,667,000; the Bank of Germany, £27,524,000, against £34,000,000; and the smaller European banks, £37,932,000, against £32,002,000—

making a total of £189,936,000, against £165,933,000. Europe could, therefore, spare us \$120,000,000 of specie, and still the foreign reserves would be depleted no lower than they were at this time a year ago. In view of these facts there would seem to be no possibility this fall of a really tight money market.

The Relation of Iron and Nail Values.

We are indebted to Messrs. W. B. Belknap & Co. for a copy of the following table, compiled by Mr. H. Justi, Jr., showing the relation between the average prices of iron and nails during ten years ended with August ult.:

Months.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
January.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
February.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
March.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
April.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
May.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
June.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
July.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
August.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
September.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
October.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
November.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
December.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

Deadlock in Live Cattle Exports.

Depression in the English market, together with hostile legislation and high rates of marine insurance, all serve to check exports of live cattle. Exporters manifest a discouragement in strong contrast with the buoyancy prevailing a month or six weeks ago, when the business was "booming." At present they have no motive to do anything; in fact, they claim to have lost money on their latest ventures. Throughout the United Kingdom the laws against cattle from the United States are rigorously enforced, no animals being permitted to leave the landings alive, while Canadian cattle can go anywhere, giving local butchers the privilege of killing when they choose. At Belfast trouble is made about the sale of manure from the cattle yards, the admission of this article being pronounced as dangerous as it would be to disperse the animals without restriction. Rates of marine insurance are much higher than a year ago, and on the 15th inst. they will be advanced again, in anticipation of the equinoctial gales.

Sale of the Keystone Furnace.

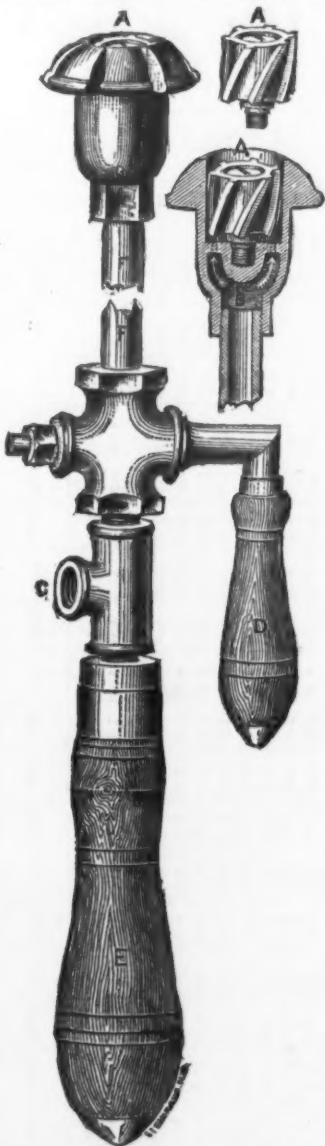
EASTON, PA., Sept. 8.—The Keystone Furnace, at Chain Dam, has been sold by Henry Fulmer to Messrs. Daniel Runkle, John T. Knight, Samuel Thomas and John B. Hendry, well-known iron men, for \$120,000. Mr. Fulmer bought the furnace at sheriff's sale two years ago for \$60,000. In the present sale Mr. Fulmer reserves an iron mine valued at \$50,000. It is believed that the purchase is in the interest of the Thomas Iron Company.

Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt last evening, when speaking of the restarting of the Ringwood Furnace, which has been idle since 1872, mentioned incidentally a remarkable achievement. He said the Durham Furnace has been making 450 tons of iron per week for a month past, on a consumption of 1½ tons of coal per ton of cast iron, the yield of the ore being 52 per cent. This, so far as he remembered, is the largest product of iron made with anthracite of which there is any record. When questioned in regard to the outlook for the iron interest, Mr. Hewitt promptly replied that it was "bad, decidedly so; we are on a solid gold basis, and as long as we stay there we are all right." Our reporter suggested that the effect on exports might prove unfavorable, especially this advance in the price of iron. "Yes," said Mr. Hewitt, "of course the advance must operate to check the export trade and may help the English people to unload their accumulated stock; we must not advance too fast nor too far. But, all these things," he added, "regulate themselves by natural laws. For example, we did not see how England could pay for all her grain, but there is no difficulty about it and all comes out right."

New Steam Boiler Tube Cleaner.

William Cooke, successor to Cooke & Bagg, of this city, is introducing a novel steam boiler tube cleaner, of which the accompanying cut is an illustration. In the hollow casting B, slotted to allow the passage of air, is placed the wheel A, which is provided with helical ribs. F is a hollow tube connected to a T-coupling by a small stop-cock, and D and E are wooden handles. Steam is admitted to this apparatus by means of a flexible tube connected with the T-coupling C on one end, and with, say, the top gauge-cock on the other.

The rose-head having been introduced in the tube to be cleaned, the cock D is opened, the steam impinges on the ribs of the wheel A, causes the wheel to revolve rapidly and enters the tube in swift helical currents, which are further accelerated by the air



drawn in through the air spaces in B. The sediments are collected and carried through the entire length of the tube, as the cleaner gradually advances, until they are finally ejected at the further end. When the apparatus is removed to another tube the stop-cock is temporarily closed.

The advantages claimed for this boiler-tube cleaner are that, in a given time, it will perform eight or ten times as much work as the ordinary brush or scraper, and that, by its use, the operation is freed from the dirt which has hitherto attended it, the soot being thoroughly moistened by the steam. It is stated that 15 to 20 minutes are sufficient time to clean a boiler with about 100 tubes; and the inventor claims that by a daily use of this apparatus a saving of 10 to 20 per cent. of the fuel may be effected.

The Cincinnati Exhibition.—The Cincinnati Exposition buildings are now completed and the exhibitors nearly all in their places, this being the only season in the history of Cincinnati expositions when exhibitors have been in with their goods by the time specified. For this a great deal is due to the present management. The power for the machinery in Power Hall is furnished by one of the engines of C. H. Brown & Co., of Fitchburg, Mass., driving two heavy lines of shafting with many large pulleys. The belt was furnished by E. F. Bradford & Co., of Cincinnati. It is 82 feet in length (double) by 24 inches in width, and is made from their best quality oak-tanned leather. It drives both lines of shafting in Power Hall, and seems to be entirely equal to its heavy task. The Lane & Bodley Company also have one of their stationary engines on exhibition and doing duty in Machinery Hall. All the space in the building was taken some time before the expiration of the time during which applications would be received, and many manufacturers have been left without space because tardy in making application. A large number of manufacturing cities and towns of the West are represented by full and handsomely displayed exhibits of their industrial products.

Casting in Bronze.—On the afternoon of September 5 a number of people assembled, by invitation, at the foundry of Bureau Bros. & Heaton, Philadelphia, to witness the casting of a portion of the bronze equestrian statue of Major General George B. Thomas. The statue which, it is claimed, will be one of the finest pieces of bronze work ever executed in this country, is to be erected in Washington, under the auspices of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, and is so near completion as to make its unveiling possible at the time appointed, November 12. It will be 15 feet high, stand upon a granite pedestal 19 feet high, weigh between 6000 and 7000 pounds, and cost about \$40,000. It was modeled by J. Q. A. Ward, of New York. The figure of General Thomas is completed, the portion

just cast being the shoulders and neck of the horse, the head of the animal forming a separate casting. The attitude of the General is calm, dignified and natural. In the bared left hand are held the reins, and in the gloved right hand the hat and other glove, the arm being extended straight down by the side. The uncovered head is massive, strong and manly, the gaze seeming intently fixed upon some distant point, as upon the movements of troops in battle. The head is lifted slightly, showing finely the broad, solid forehead, the deep-set eyes and the short, curling beard. The thick but not corpulent body is clearly indicated under the closely-buttoned military coat, and the legs extend somewhat forward to accommodate themselves to the sudden cessation of the horse's motion. All four of the horse's feet rest upon the ground, three of them firmly, while the left hind foot rests only upon the toe. The lifted head and ears, the open mouth and eyes, and the mane and tail stirred by the wind, are indications of excitement in rest.

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Lead.—Activity in the Lead market has been confined to a jobbing trade, sales summing up some 150 tons. Corroding Lead has likewise been dull. We quote: Common Domestic, 4¢, and Corroding, 4.20¢. The general tendency is a weaker one. "London, August 30."—The value of this metal has materially improved, the price for Common Pig Lead now being £14. 15/ and choice brands are quoted at 5/ 7/6 higher, and £16 is asked for Sheet Lead. Manufacturers' prices are unchanged. We quote: Bar, 5¢; Pipe, 5½¢; Sheet, 6¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 12¢. No. 1 Solder, 10¢; all less 10¢ to the trade.

Spelter and Zinc.—A steady jobbing demand continues to prevail and is filled at 6¢, but the more important consumers of Common Domestic Spelter are holding off in view of the improvement which has been established. By reason of the diminishing supply holders, nevertheless, do not feel inclined to abate in their demands, and continue to insist on 6¢ for round lots. At the West, smelters have extensively sold again to the rolling mills at 5½¢ at the works, and not much, if anything, can be expected there in the course of this month. The syndicate on the Continent seems to contemplate a further advance for September delivery, and the advices from there are very strong. From London, August 30, we receive the following: "Considerable activity has recently been displayed in this metal, and it now occupies a very improved position. The upward movement appears to have been very well managed, and from all accounts is likely to be upheld. A good control is held over the production as well as the stock, and buyers, seeing their chance of buying at any reduction fast diminishing, have wisely availed themselves of the opportunity of placing their orders. A little extra demand for consumption, combined with speculation, soon makes an impression upon a cheap metal like Spelter. It is not often that an occasion so favorable for speculation presents itself, and there is no doubt that those who have been fortunate enough to buy will make a very satisfactory profit." Sheet Zinc is unaltered at 7½¢ @ 7¾¢.

Nickel.—There is a steady market, supported by a moderate demand, at \$1.25.

Antimony.—The tendency has remained an upward one, and we quote the metal firm at 12¢ @ 12½¢, according to brand and quantity.

COAL

During the week there has been a very earnest effort made by the managers of the companies to come to some understanding, so that the production of coal may be limited and prices controlled. The great point has been to decide upon what means shall be employed for accomplishing this result. Some of the companies are strongly in favor of a system which shall permit by turns "all work and all play." That is, there are to be total suspensions by all the mines until the market price of coal has reached a figure at which coal can be mined at a profit, then all the companies are to work until the price falls below the limit fixed, the average being made say once a month. This plan finds great favor with some of the companies, as by it the vexatious question of quotas is entirely avoided, and it is hoped that a general assent to the plan can be obtained. It was even reported yesterday that an agreement to this proposition could have been obtained, if it had not been for the fact that some of the companies were not yet informed in regard to the amount of coal contracted for by these operators. Some of the companies say that it would be necessary for them to supply their line trade during any suspensions that might be ordered. Upon the surface all is harmonious. Mr. Gowen expresses himself perfectly satisfied to adopt any plan that will enable the managers to benefit the whole trade. The Lehigh Valley people say that all their operators are agreed and ready to take any plan that does not involve the arrangement of percentages, while the other parties seemed to be ready to give their assent to any plan which the representatives of the company may adopt. There are some little facts nicely kept out of sight at the present time which may, when the settlement comes to be made, seriously interfere with the harmony of the arrangements. Among these is the difficulty which Mr. Gowen will have in stopping, one of the necessities of his position seeming to entail continuous work. It will naturally be said by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company that they cannot afford to stop in the fall, as it shuts them off from using their canal, while only a small time remains before the close of navigation. Various other interests, too, will find the proposition bearing heavily upon them, and will not fail to make their objections known when the final vote comes to be taken. The value of the scheme is somewhat doubtful, in the light of the statement which has already been made, that some of the companies will put on double force, if necessary, and push their breakers to their utmost capacity during the weeks when work is going on, and so will actually mine about as much in two weeks as they now do in four. Buyers in the city, taking all these points into consideration, seem to think that there is little chance for a combination to be successful at the present time. They are, however,

buying freely, and are stocking up as rapidly as they can conveniently find vessels. Most dealers here seem to think that the present prices are as low as can be expected this season, and hence they are putting in Coal. Business is in consequence quite good. Heavy stocks are reported all through New England, not only in yards, but manufacturers have in many cases laid in a year's supply. Private families have also taken large amounts of Coal, in order to take advantage of the low prices. It can hardly be expected that the fall trade will be as good or as great in quantity as in years when only a small amount of domestic Coal has been worked off through the summer. Prices are various, and depend largely upon the skill of the buyer. The auction sale averages, which are a sort of base line to measure from, were: Grate, \$2.04¼; Egg, \$2.15; Stove, \$2.38; Chestnut, \$2.20. Lehigh Coal is quoted at: Lump, \$3.30; Broken Egg and Stove, \$2.60; Chestnut, \$2.50.

The Pennsylvania Coal Company quote at Newburgh, with 50¢ per ton freight to New York: Lump, Steam and Grate, \$2.20; Egg, \$2.25; Stove, \$2.50; Chestnut, \$2.35.

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\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.60

Freights are without special features of note; vessels are still scarce. We quote Boston as \$1.10 @ \$1.15; Portland, 95¢ @ \$1 and discharged; Providence, 86¢, and New Haven, 50¢ @ 60¢.

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Quant. Value.	Quant. Value.	Quant. Value.	
Guns, cs., 1	\$12	R. R. mtl., pgs 700	1,626
Mf. iron, pgs 1	19	Mf. iron, pgs 66	1,083
		Hdw., cs., 12	2,124
		Mach. oil, gals 240	134
		S. W. app., 2	100
		Sew. mach., cs 57	1,431
		Grindstones, csks 14	344
		Iron, bbls., 3	595
		RR cars, 3	595
		Nails, bxs., 70	150
		Pldware, cs 3	95
		Per caps, cs 1	100
		Glassw'e, cs 48	1,074
		Mach'y, cs 48	3,858
		Nails, kgs., 360	66
		Belting, bales 1	38
		Plate glass, cs 2	70
		Ptm., gals., 250	107
		Ag. imp., pgs 14	108

Rotterdam. Ptm., gals. 433,368 99,950

Antwerp. Ptm., gals. 441,735 35,325

Konigsberg. Ptm., gals. 134,667 9,400

Hamburg. Mach'y, cs., 45 4,955

Pumps, pgs., 3 100

Belting, bales, 1 73

Sew. mach., cs 255 11,124

Hdw., cs., 106 2,682

Glassw'e, cs., 130 3

Brass, box., 1 120

Ag. imp., pgs., 11 1,099

Cruets, bbls., 36 810

Ptm., gals. 280,235 23,140

Mf. iron, pgs 3 70

Bremen. Ptm., gals. 744,022 51,360

Mach'y, cs., 7 1,105

Hdw., cs., 15 849

Belting, cs., 3 200

Mf. iron, pgs 6 285

Pldware, cs., 1 75

Liverpool. Mach'y, cs., 47 8,190

Sew. mach., cs 4 35

Lub. oil, gals. 988 572

Belting, bales, 1 62

Hdw., cs., 174 8,866

Mf. iron, pgs 3 75

London. Glassw'e, cs., 65 864

Slates, cs., 45 200

Hdw., cs., 389 10,538

Mf. iron, pgs 31 500

Slates, tons, 108 3,000

Ox. zinc, bbls 200 1,420

Mach'y, cs., 200 11,482

Sew. mach., cs 71 1,445

Ptm., gals. 287,385 67,714

Pumps, pgs., 8 405

Hull. Ox. zinc, bbls 10 71

Ipipes, 139 271

Hdw., pgs., 1 20

Pumps, pgs., 10 1,200

Canada. Glassw'e, cs., 13 240

British Guiana. Ptm., gals., 3,000 300

British East Indies. Ptm., gals. 505,000 53,056

British West Indies. Notions, cs., 5 1,000

Y metal, cs., 9 140

Mf. iron, pgs 14 612

Hdw., cs., 41 612

Ptm., gals. 13,319 1,135

Chili. Ptm., gals. 114,000 10,330

Sew. mach., cs 7 206

Mf. iron, pgs 441 1,900

Nails, kgs., 1,200 4,000

Powder, lbs. 47,500 5,280

Mach'y, pgs., 2 82

Glassw'e, pgs. 137 2,727

Hdw., pgs., 43 1,612

Ag. imp., pgs 134 2,000

Coal, tons., 75 320

Peru. Mf. iron, pgs 999 21,223

Ptm., gals. 110,005 8,564

Glassw'e, pgs. 517 3,058

Hdw., pgs., 34 967

Slates, cs., 10 61

Sew. mach., cs 185 2,078

Ag. imp., pgs 55 656

Mach'y, pgs., 5 170

Imports. Crocker Bros.

Pig, tons, 212

Elliot, Sons & Co.

Ore, kilos., 611,980

Field Alfred & Co.

Railroad iron, bars,

174

Flash plates, 3528

Irvine Richard & Co.

Pig, tons, 200

Lea & Co.

Pig, tons, 549

Lundberg Gust.

Bars, 1128

Box, 250

Marvel Wm. D.

Ore, tons, 2,197½

McCoy & Co.

Bundles, 900

Milliken & Smith.

Wire rods, bbls., 380

Naylor & Co.

Bars, 2431

Spiegel, a quantity

Penn Steel Co.

Ore, tons, 580

Wall F. J.

Wire rods, pgs, 459

Williamson Jas. & Co.

Pig, tons, 200

Order. Bars, 69

Bundles, 290

Casks, 80

Cast iron, cs., 80

Iron, sheets, 1

Old rails and pieces,

515

Old rails, a quantity

Old rails, pgs, 3516

Old rails, tons, 200

Ore, tons, 3688

Plates, 14

Scrap, tons, 149

Sheet iron, bbls., 246

Sp. gelatin, tons, 359

Tons, 51

Steel. Drexel, Morgan & Co.

Old rails, a lot

Naylor & Co.

Scrap steel, tons, 149

Cases, 11

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St. }
Philadelphia, September 9, 1879. }

Pig Iron.—The course of the market is still upward, and in some instances an advance has been established during the week of nearly \$2 per ton. Pig Metal seems to be growing scarcer all the time, and buyers who hesitate find the market getting away from them with every delay. In the majority of cases parties desiring to place orders have to be satisfied with a much smaller quantity than they ask for, and even then it is regarded more as a favor than an ordinary business transaction.

At this writing buyers from far and near are asking for every description of Iron, and although producers are perfectly willing to meet the demand as far as they are able, the capacity seems to be entirely inadequate. There is a general impression that prices will go still higher, although conservative parties express the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the trade that current quotations should not be exceeded for the present. It is said that legitimate buyers have already made contracts to carry them into next year, and transactions are somewhat of a speculative character, which producers are trying to discourage. It is said that buyers could be accommodated for all legitimate requirements, but it is impossible to crowd a year's business into five or six months. There is undoubtedly some danger of the market being overdone, and that it will be overdone sooner or later there is no question whatever. The market for the present would no doubt take all the Iron that can be made here at current prices, but it is not likely that it can take the large surplus from other countries besides. Purchases of this character have been made within the past two months to what would have been regarded as an enormous amount a little while back, all of which is so much taken away from our own furnaces and mills. The improvement in foreign markets, however, seems likely to be in sympathy with our own, and it is thought that imports will be only temporary. Sales, by sample lots, in this market of foreign Iron for mill purposes, at under \$20, are said to have been made to the extent of nearly 10,000 tons since date of our last report, and considerable quantities of Scotch Iron have also changed hands at about \$21.50 @ \$22, but higher prices are now demanded. We advance our quotations as follows: No. 1 Foundry Iron, \$22.50 @ \$24; No. 2, \$21 @ \$22; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$21; Mottled, \$18.50 @ \$19.50; Hot-Blast Charcoal, \$25 @ \$28; Cold-Blast Charcoal, \$32 @ \$35.

Blues.—Are getting to be very scarce, and full prices are obtained when orders are accepted. We quote the market firm, as follows: Sunken Scrap Blues (240 lb), \$39 @ \$40; Northern Ore Blues (240 lb), \$34 @ \$38; best quality Charcoal Billets (2240 lb), for wire and steel purposes, \$59 @ \$61; Bars, do., \$63.50 @ \$66; Sheet Iron Blues, cornered (240 lb), \$54 @ \$56; Cold-Blast Charcoal Plate Blues, \$53 @ \$55; run-out Anthracite, \$46 @ \$48.50.

Muck Bars.—The market shows a further advance, and sales have been effected at \$36.50 @ \$37. Offerings are very light, and holders are unwilling to quote, except for small lots. Buyers are prepared to pay \$37 @ \$38, but sellers are indifferent, and \$38 would probably now be an inside figure.

Structural Iron.—In sympathy with the general market, prices are unsettled and irregular, and it is difficult to quote with any degree of exactness. Manufacturers have as many orders on their books as they care to take for the present, so that buyers find it a difficult matter to get a definite quotation unless it may be for small lots. Manufacturers give the following as about the market price to-day, although it is doubtful if orders of any magnitude could be placed: Angles, 2.5¢ @ 2.7¢; Beams, Channels and Tees, 3¢ @ 3.3¢, according to specification.

Plate and Tank Iron.—A considerable amount of business has been done during the week, resulting in an advance in prices of about \$5 per ton. At the extreme figures there is more hesitation apparent among buyers, but holders appear to be confident of their position, and are not disposed to do business unless on their own terms. Quotations can only be regarded as nominal, but are a fair indication of the market to-day, viz.: Skelp, 2.5¢ @ 2.6¢; Sheared, 2.7¢ @ 2.8¢; Common Plate, 2.9¢; Tank and C. No. 1, 3¢ @ 3.1¢; C. H. No. 1, 3.2¢ @ 3.3¢; Flange Iron, 4.2¢ @ 4.5¢; Solid Fire-box and Best Bloom, 5.5¢ @ 6¢. A sale of Tank Iron has been made to-day, showing an advance of just 50¢ as compared with price in 1878.

Sheet Iron.—A further advance of about 1-10¢ may be quoted on all descriptions, with an increasing demand and prospects of still higher figures. Manufacturers are unable to meet the demand for large lots and are confining themselves to supplying their regular trade at the current price of the day. We quote as an average of the market: Common Sheet, No. 20 to 23, 3.5¢ @ 3.6¢; No. 24 to 28, 3.7¢ @ 3.8¢; Best Refined Sheet, No. 25 to 28, 4¢ @ 4.1¢; No. 16 to 24, 3.7¢ @ 3.8¢; Best Sheet, No. 16 to 24, 3.8¢ @ 3.9¢; No. 25 to 28, 4.1¢ @ 4.2¢; Refined Plate or Blue Annealed, 5-16 to 16, 2.9¢ @ 3.1¢; Best Bloom, 5-16 to 16, 5.7¢ @ 5.9¢; A Patent Planished, 10½¢; B Patent Planished, 9½¢; Best Blooms, Galvanized, 30 % discount; second quality, 40 %, with extra discounts to heavy buyers.

Bar Iron.—An advance to 2.5¢ has been made by all the mills in this section, and even at the advanced rate no large orders could be placed. Manufacturers are doing the best they can to accommodate their regular customers, but they are compelled to refuse a large amount of business almost daily. The future of the trade is difficult to define; for the present, however, there is almost on sellers' own terms. The immediate outlook is entirely satisfactory, and there is no apparent reason to anticipate anything less favorable during the balance of the year. We quote 2.5¢ as a nominal figure, although buyers would pay more if they could get their orders taken in quantity.

Steel Rails.—There is no change to report. The mills are loaded with orders and are unable to accept anything of importance for the present. An occasional order is entered at about \$50 at mill, which figure would be paid for large lots if manufacturers were in a position to accept contracts.

Iron Rails.—We have not heard of any sales of importance, although buyers are ready to place orders at current quotations; but the mills are full and not disposed to enter into extended engagements until some of their contracts are completed. The demand is quite large, and buyers could be found for many thousands tons without much effort. As remarked in our last, prices seem to have reached their limit for the present, although material is advancing. We hear of small lots changing hands at \$41 @ \$42 at mill for heavy sections, and \$42 at tide for foreign Rails. Market steady.

Old Rails.—The market has been a little irregular and unsettled during the week, but has gained new strength within the last day or two. Some very heavy transactions are reported at prices varying from \$26.25 @ \$27.50, the latter figure having been paid for early delivery, and in one instance it is understood that a still higher price has been paid for a spot lot. Opinions differ as to the future, but higher figures seem to be recorded week by week, and in view of the scarcity and continued large consumption, as well as advancing prices in other departments, the immediate prospect indicates a steady market. One or two mills have shut down pending the arrival of purchases made some time ago, and others state that they will follow the market no further, but will close their mills until prices are more in accordance with the finished article. Heavy shipments are on the way, but sales to arrive seem likely to absorb supplies for some time to come. The market is bare of stock, with \$27.50 offered for immediate deliveries; lots to arrive in 1880 unsettled, but held at \$26.50 @ \$27.

Scrap Iron.—The market is firm, and full prices are promptly realized for good selections, say cost \$14.50 @ \$16; Wrought, \$24.50 @ \$26.

Nails.—We have to report a very firm market, with \$2.75 as an inside figure. The demand is not specially active, but is quite equal to the supply. Most of the mills are sold close up, and it is not likely that prices will weaken; many predict a further advance soon.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, }
Pittsburgh, Pa., September 9, 1879. }

The Iron business in all its departments continues excited and unsettled, with a continued upward tendency, and the trade, without exception, have been so much surprised at the events of the past few weeks as to create considerable expectation in regard to the future. Prices have now been obtained that were not dreamed of 60 days ago, and there is considerable apprehension that the upward movement will be overdone, that it will stimulate importations, largely increase the production and create labor troubles. It should not be forgotten that the consumption, under the stimulus of railroad building and general improvement in business, has very largely increased, and it is expected, unless checked by something unforeseen at present, that

has advanced on the whole, but there are daily fluctuations, caused by the ardor and energy with which the "bulls and bears" of the Glasgow Exchange are throwing themselves into the novel delights of speculation. According to John S. Swan & Son (Limited), Glasgow, there are now 295,641 tons of pig iron in Connal's stores, against 101,494 tons this date last year, an increase during last week of 3545 tons. The total increase of shipments to date this year is 60,587 tons, mostly foreign. Messrs. Swan quote ballast pig 7/6 per ton, and their general quotations:

for makers' brands are pretty closely in accord with those appended. There are now 89 Scotch furnaces blowing (as compared with 96 a year ago) out of 154 built; of the total, 91 are old style and 73 gas furnaces. Writing from Glasgow, August 23, James Watson & Co. said: "On Monday the market for Scotch Pig Iron opened very strong, with a large business done from 44/ @ 43/9, cash, and on Tuesday the price further relaxed to 43/4 1/2, which was the closing figure of the previous week. On Wednesday the market opened firm at 43/7 1/2, cash, afterwards declining to 43/ per ton, while yesterday a large business was done from 42/9 @ 42/6, improving, however, to 42/10, at which buyers remained at the close. To-day there has been considerable animation, with a moderate business done from 43/ @ 43/3 1/2 per ton, closing buyers at 43/3, sellers at 43/4 1/2 per ton. The shipments last week were 8652 tons, as compared with 6162 tons for the corresponding week of 1878." We quote:

G. M. B., at Glasgow	No. 1.	No. 2.
Gartsherrie	43/6	42/
Coltness	43/	42/9
Summerlee	42/6	42/
Langloan	42/	41/6
Cambridge	42/6	42/
Calder, at Port Dundas	42/6	42/
Glenpark, at Ardrossan	42/6	42/
Eglinton	42/	41/6
Dalmellington	42/3	41/6
Shotts, at Leth	42/6	41/6

IN CLEVELAND
The state of the market is more hopeful, especially in view of the circumstance that a cablegram has been received (it is said) at Stockton-on-Tees from the United States for 2000 tons of Cleveland pig iron. I am not inclined to give this statement unquestioned credit, but if true I foresee trouble with your common pig smelters. In Cleveland common forge numbers can almost be given away—and there is practically no limit whatever to the quantity attainable. Already a lot of 200 tons has been sent from West Hartlepool to Boston as a test shipment. The one item of interest from this Northern field just now is the cheery report of the Consett Iron Company, showing a profit of £55,995 on the year's operations—a remarkable result, when it is borne in mind that Consett, although the largest plate works in the North, does not raise, but buys, its own ore. As things have been of late, it has paid to buy ore rather than work the mines. Bolckow Vaughan's are trying to secure another reduction of wages. Their men are under notices. They are now rolling 2000 tons of Cleveland steel (Thomas-Gilchrist process) into rails for the North-eastern Company.

SHEFFIELD
is not lively in any degree, and the chronicler of small beer and the snapper up of unconsidered trifles must inevitably have a rather easy time of it. The visit of the British Association has distracted local attention, but there is no disguising the fact that there is and has for some time been a great deal of anxiety among those who are largely mixed up with the staple trades of the town and district. The favorable change now just apparent will, it is hoped, move matters around to a remunerative point of the compass, otherwise we may not improbably hear of troublous tidings. I don't hear of any great change in the average state of industry in Steelopolis, save as regards the rail orders already detailed. There are more orders for hardware and cutlery, but the aggregate quantities sent off are not large, albeit more considerable than they were a month or six weeks ago.

THE WIGAN COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
having its own coal, blast furnaces, iron mines in Algeria (Messelmoun), and other advantages, has made a profit of £13,183 only during the past year, but inasmuch as there was £17,128 standing to the debit of the profit and loss account, the net result is £3944 "to the bad." The magnitude of the concern is evidenced by the circumstance that the amount debited to plant and works is £1,512,991.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM
are quiet as regards iron, and there is no feature of any note to record in connection with them except the few items alluded to in my summarized remarks above. In the hardware branches, on the other hand, there are numerous changes and movements of one kind or other afloat. In the gun trade there is reported to be a strong call for birding kinds from the United States at about 50/ each here, or 70/ in your port. There is also stated to be a not inconsiderable amount of work done in steel barrels for your military rifles, while it appears that we get our barrels from Liège. There is now a Serbian contract for rifles in the market, and all the gun people are after it like a pack of hounds after a fox. In the edge tool trade of Wolverhampton a dispute exists, owing to an attempt on the part of the employers to resist the spreading from Birmingham and Wednesbury of an absurd custom of paying the "platers," or rough workers, £10 a year, or 10 per cent. bonus, for "house rent"—an observance instituted many years ago, at a time when the platers' hammers were worked by water power, and when the workpeople were required to reside close to the factories, so that their services might be utilized at any moment. The absurdity of the thing becomes apparent when it is stated that they have never at any time used water power! The masters will probably lose the fight this time.

Sanders Brothers' circular, dated 10th, August 15th, says:

COPPER.

Soon after our last issue the Chili charters for the second half of July were advised, viz., 2800 tons, on which prices fell to £53 for good ordinary brands; this limit induced some speculation in addition to general demand, and prices have improved again to the point we last closed at. Consumers generally complain of want of orders for manufactured goods, but the amount of business doing in raw copper is good, and prices are certainly tempting. The gross totals on the 1st inst. were 57,032 tons, against 54,879 tons on the 1st ult. Manufactured copper is in better demand, after fluctuating with the ports as above.

Australian copper is steady. Wallaroo, £62; Burra, £61.10/.

SPIEGELEISEN.

£4. 7/6 for 20 per cent. English f. o. b. tidewater, in moderate demand. Ferro-manganese unchanged since our last, prices being steady, with a fair amount of business passing.

LEAD.

Our present quotations are: WB, £15; LB, £14; ordinary brands, £13/15. Lead is better in price and easier of sale, partaking of the improvement which has attacked most of our articles.

REGULUS OF ANTIMONY.

£47. 10/, compared with £49 same date last year; steady and in fair request both for home and export.

TIN.

Our quotations to-day are: English, L. & F. ingots, £67; English bars in barrels, £68; English refined, £69; Straits, £67. 10/; Australian, £67. 10/. A considerable improvement has taken place since our last in the price of Tin, and the market for the time being has a strong aspect. It seems that a rather large amount of speculation has been induced lately, and this fact, rather than any statistical improvement in the article, may be taken as the basis of the movement above referred to. At the same time it will be observed that total figures are reduced somewhat, and it is a feature worthy of note that during the past few months the deliveries of Straits and Australian have largely exceeded the shipments. English Tin has moved in sympathy with foreign and is to-day quoted £67 for L. & F. Ingots.

SPELTER.

Ordinary Silesian, £17. 10/ compared with £18 same date last year. After falling steadily for months, inducing injudicious "bearing" by those who ought to have known the market, Spelter has suddenly risen over £3 7/8 ton, owing to combination and judicious purchases by Continental producers, who having the market in hand will doubtless keep prices steady for the winter.

TIN PLATES.

I. C. Coke, ordinary brands, 16/ @ 16/3; I. C. Coke, best brands, 17/6 @ 18/; I. C. Charcoal, ordinary brands, 18/ @ 19/; I. C. Charcoal, best brands, 19/6 @ 20/. Just after our last, with a dull market and little demand, "makers" met and decided to rearrange the scale of wages, a month's notice of which was given at the majority of the mills. The "men" have also met, and deploring with their "masters" the present position, wish the latter to redeem the trade by "restricting the make." They, however, give practical effect to their wishes by deciding "that each mill by working 12 hours shall only do 35 boxes per turn, and "30 boxes per eight hours, and that in no case the tin-house men shall exceed 30 boxes per day," and are at present carrying this out. They also resolve "to co-operate with their employers for the mutual benefit of masters and men." It is not improbable that the masters don't see it quite in the same light, and have raised the wind to reap they don't know what, but it promises to interfere with production partially, even though the questions involved are settled amicably, while, should a strike occur, the limitation will be greater, though it seems unlikely that masters will agree so unanimously as to cause anything like total cessation, even in this latter case. The present effect of this is a desire to buy something for quick delivery to be able to look on with more equanimity later, and prices have hardened 1/ @ 1/6 per box in ordinary cokes, and about 1/ for all other sorts. For ordinary brands of coke tin of the oil grade 16/ per box is now the figure generally asked. Charcoal tins are obtainable at 18/ @ 18/6 for 3 1/2 by specification grade of Allaway R. G., and best brands at 20/ @ 21/. Ternes, both charcoal and coke, are in comparatively quiet demand, quotations for the former ranging between 17/ and 17/6 for 14 x 20, and 35/ and 36/ for 25 x 20, according to brands, and for the latter between 14/3 and 14/9 for 14 x 20.

FRIGHTS.

To New York, from the Clyde, steam or sail, 2/6; Liverpool, steam, 5/ @ 10/; sail, 4/ @ 5/; London, steam, 10/ @ 10/; sail, 5/ @ 5/5. To Boston, Clyde, steam or sail, 9/; Liverpool, steam, 3/6; London, steam, 15/ @ 10/; sail, 10/ @ 5/5. To Philadelphia, Clyde, steam or sail, 7/6; Liverpool, steam, 5/; sail 5/ @ 5/5; London, sail, 7/6 @ 5/5. To Baltimore, Clyde, steam or sail, 8/; Liverpool, steam, 7/6 @ 10/; sail, 6/ @ 5/5. To New Orleans, steam or sail, 5/; Liverpool, steam, 7/6 @ 10/5. To Portland, Liverpool, steam, 10/ @ 10/5. To Montreal, Liverpool, steam, 7/6. To Halifax, Liverpool, steam, 15/ @ 10/5.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Interets Materiels)
PARIS, Aug. 24, 1879.—Metals.—Business matters have been proceeding favorably here; there is indeed now as much activity displayed in building and manufacturing as at any time previously this year. Copper.—There has been quite an improvement of between 2.25 and 2.50 francs in this city, and we now quote Chili Bars, 145 @ 146; Ingots and Slabs, 151.50; Best Selected, 152.75; and pure Corocoro Ore, 150. Havre is quiet and steady at 143.75 @ 147.50 for Chili Bars. Marseilles is firm and rising. They quote small Refined Ingots, 157 francs the 10 kilos; Sheet Copper and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 170; Copper Bolts, 180, and Sheathing Copper, 170. Tin.—Quite an improvement is noticeable, with a rise of 4 to 6 francs. We now quote Banca, 180; Billiton, 177; Straits and Australian, 170, and English, 172.50. There is great firmness at Marseilles, and a rise of 3 francs in Banca Tin. They quote Banca, 180; Straits, 170, and English and French, 175. Lead has followed the general upward movement in metals, rising 1 @ 1.50 francs. The quotation at Paris is 35.50 @ 36.50; Manufactures, 40. Spanish is quoted 35.50 @ 36.50 at Havre. An extraordinary degree of firmness prevails at Marseilles, where the smelters refuse to sell and have not even appeared at the government adjudication for 350 tons for the army, for which Spanish Lead has been bought at 145 francs. The advance in New York and the short supply there has helped the European market very materially. Soft at Marseilles commands 145 francs. Spelter.—There has been no interruption in the upward tendency in France and we now quote Silesian, 45.50 @ 46.50, and Sheet Zinc, 175 francs. Havre, on the other hand, has declined 50 cents, closing at 38.50 @ 39. Marseilles remains firm and improving, and Sheet Zinc has advanced 4 to 5 francs. They quote the star 56 @ 57, and Old Remelted, 25 francs.

IRON.—The market here has been rather more quiet, which is due merely to the vacations and to the previous activity, now followed by a temporary lull. The tendency, nevertheless, remains as favorable as heretofore, and will soon develop into a brisk fall demand. We are confident, in view of the generally favorable business prospects. Flooring Sheet Iron has remained steady at 18 francs, but we hear that several rolling mills are starting an increased supply, leading to the presumption that a slight giving way may be one of the probabilities. In the North and the Ardennes this has been discounted, and they now offer it at 16.50 francs there. In the Murthe and Moselle, Affinage Pig Iron is selling for near delivery at 54. In the Haute Marne there is some demand developing for Sheet Iron, Hollow-ware, Stoves, Hardware and Machinery, to the neglect of heavy Iron, Nails and Chains. At the North there is an uninterrupted activity in the Maubeuge and Valenciennes basins. The works are literally loaded down with commands, and are only sorry that they cannot attend to them all at once. Merchant Iron commands, in that locality, 16.50; Common Flooring, 17.50; Large, 20.50; Sheet Iron, 20.50 @ 24.50; Puddled Sheets, 21.50 @ 23.50; and Boiler Iron, 24.50. A government aid for the iron canal lock doors has come off at Nantes, the job being carried off by the works of Messrs. Baudet, Lozon & Co., of Argenteuil, at a 33 per cent. discount, beating the three great rival concerns, the Croisset and the Croisset and the Croisset, whose discount ranged between 12 and 25 per cent. In the Var the Menpenti Works are turning out some big engines for the ironclad steam frigates, the *Albatros*, *Duquesne*, of 3000 horse-power, the vessel to run 14 knots. Coal.—There is great apathy still in the French Coal markets, but, as the dull season is now fast drawing to a close, all may confidently look forward to a revival.

BRUSSELS.

(Revue Universelle.)

BRUSSELS, Aug. 24, 1879.—Iron.—There continues to be a good run of orders, which go in preference to such works as are known to have improved their machinery during the last year or two. Prices are not very remunerative, and fortunes are not being made, but the feeling is much more hopeful than it has been at any time since 1872. Speculations, as is usually the case, course form an exception, and pay well to manufacture whenever they chance to be in request. The large rolling mills in Belgium, in view of their superior capacity to turn out work, have adopted the principle of contenting themselves with diminutive profits, and upon this basis certainly do a brisk trade. This, again, enables the consumers of raw iron to work on very reasonable terms, and the result is a steadily growing liveliness. The government has hardly got its rolling stock for State railroads when it is in the market again for 121 railway cars of different kinds and shapes. The Meuse works (just building a steam-horse-power pumping machine for the *Jaen* (Spain) coal mines; this engine is a so-called Kley patent machine. We merely mention this because hitherto the orders for similar machinery for Spain have invariably been filled in England. At Charleroi things are picking up mightily, the demand being for all imaginable kinds of iron. This keeps up in that locality a steady amount of briskness, and the rolling mills (just building a steam-horse-power pumping machine for the *Jaen* (Spain) coal mines; this engine is a so-called Kley patent machine. We merely mention this because hitherto the orders for similar machinery for Spain have invariably been filled in England. At Charleroi things are picking up mightily, the demand being for all imaginable kinds of iron. 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private laboratory at Hoboken, N. J., will show the relative merits of the "Benzon" brand of Norway iron and metal welded from common scrap by the Eames oil fuel process. The first column gives the metal designed as "Norway iron," "Benzon brand;" the second, the metal welded from common scrap by the Eames oil fuel process:

Iron	98.247	98.140
Manganese .....	.099	.126
Carbon .....	.150	.129
Silicon .....	.198	.175
Phosphorus .....	.180	.094
Sulphur .....	.041	.031
Slag .....	.315	.225

Total

Prof. Wurtz, in submitting the analysis to the Titusville parties, says in conclusion: "In the process of solution of the petroleum iron in iodine to separate the carbon, there were found present minute disseminated particles, derived from the original scrap, which were so highly phosphuretted that they would not dissolve in that agent. These are to be regarded in the light of mechanically mixed impurities, like the slag, for example, and do not affect the inherent qualities of the homogeneous mass of the metal. They prove that if the scrap had been picked over and the more impure pieces thrown out, the analysis would have given a better result, particularly in the phosphorus. Nevertheless, the general result is rather better in all points for the iron from the oil-welded scrap than for the 'Benzon' brand of iron."

PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY.

Henry Diston & Sons' business has been remarkably active, and the manufacture of saws and files pushed to the utmost summer limit. It will take a month to clear the file from orders as it now stands. Business has never been so good with them since the panic; in fact, since 1st of last July they have had all they could do to get the goods out of the place. Their works are now running about five days a week (Saturday being usually taken as a holiday), and give work to between 800 and 900 hands. They have lately sent a lot of first-class hand saws and files to Barcelona, Spain, and a similar invoice to London, England. Their direct trade with Australia they consider the most valuable, as Australian buyers insist upon having everything of first quality. The exhibit of the firm at the approaching exhibition in that country will be one of its great features. Among the out of the way places in which this firm have established themselves is Tiflis, in Caucasasia, near Mount Ararat, where they send yearly increasing lots of first-class goods. They export cross-cut saws to Russia, and are in receipt of orders from small houses in Sheffield, England, for their first-class articles.

Messrs. G. & H. Barnett, file manufacturers, say they are very busy. They have a great many orders in hand, have just shipped a heavy lot to San Francisco, and expect to deal largely with the Pacific coast. They are not aware of the full extent of their foreign trade, as most, if not all, of their orders come through jobbers, but large quantities of their goods go to South America. The firm employ over 100 hands, and turn out on an average 300 dozen files a day.

McCaffrey & Bro., Pennsylvania File Works, are employing more hands at present than at any time during the seventeen years of their existence. Since the close of the Paris Exhibition the above firm have had considerable inquiry from the other side for their goods. Within a few weeks they have dispatched samples to Brazil, where they feel confident of being able to meet the European goods.

The D. K. Miller Lock Company have been very busy of late. They have developed a large foreign trade with South America, England, France, Germany and Australia. Their patent padlock is now in general use by post offices, express companies, banks, &c. The New York elevated railroads employ them exclusively. The company do not employ a large number of hands, for with their various and complete machinery, locks can be turned out in large quantities with few men.

Messrs. Hillebrand & Wolf, manufacturers of locks, report that they have been remarkably busy for some time past, and complain that they cannot get goods out fast enough. The great demand with them seems to be for trunk locks, as they are much pushed in that line. Their foreign trade is chiefly with Germany, though they have just shipped a general assortment to Havana, Cuba, and have a rapidly increasing Pacific trade. The bulk of their goods, however, are used nearer home. The Scandinavian lock is a specialty with them.

Kimball & Kimball, band-saw machines, Philadelphia, are full of orders, and unable to manufacture rapidly enough to meet the current demand. They are consequently obliged to increase their capacity by building new machinery. Every mail brings inquiries from foreign countries. They intend to make a display at the approaching Australian exhibition.

The Philadelphia Screw Company state that their business has increased in a remarkable manner, and that they cannot fill orders, though they have doubled their capacity within the last year, and expect to double it again before six months are passed. The company has been in existence about a year and a half, during which time they have turned out screws of a superior quality, averaging 800 gross per day. They employ some 70 hands, and are a strictly conservative firm, building their own machinery and keeping their own secrets. As regards foreign trade, they have numerous inquiries from England, Germany and other countries, but have enough to do to supply the home demand.

Messrs. Townsend, Wilson & Hubbard, bolt manufacturers, have been for some time past decidedly pushed, trade being more than usually active. They report having orders for three months in advance, and consider the outlook in their line extremely favorable. This firm is at present giving employment to some 75 hands. They consider prices to be quite high enough, and do not expect much of an advance.

The Enterprise Mfg. Co. report a steadily improving business, with an increasing demand for their leading specialties. The demand for sausage stuffers and meat cutters is expected to be very heavy this fall.

They are running full time with their usual force of hands.

At the Coleman Eagle Bolt Works business is more active than ever known before, employing more hands and turning out larger quantities of goods. Although prices are improving, with a prospect of a more decided advance soon, they are at present too low to yield a fair margin for manufacturing. They have a large number of orders on hand and could fill up with work for the next six months, but prefer taking orders as they come.

The American Machine Company, manufacturers of fluting, wringing and planing machines, report that they have been and are now doing a satisfactory business, being obliged during a part of last month to run overtime. They find that prices are stiffening, owing to the advance in all kinds of material. The company, finding their present premises too limited, are about to erect extensive buildings on a recently purchased lot of land in the northern part of the city.

In the heavier branches of business, such as in locomotives, railway tools and machinery, the condition of affairs is all that can be desired. Men employed nearly equal the number previous to the panic, while the output is much greater in proportion. Shipbuilding is not specially active, although there is reason to anticipate something important at an early date. Messrs. Roach & Son, Chester, Pa., turned out steamships with an aggregate tonnage of 17,000 tons during the first 7 months of the year, but there is no special activity at the moment.

The Henry Diston & Sons File Company, Limited, have recently enlarged their works at Tacony by the addition of new buildings and machinery. The works now occupy three sides of a square, and are arranged to facilitate the systematic handling of the work from one process to another, so that the steel is now received at one end of the works, and passing in regular order through the processes of forging, annealing, grinding, cutting, hardening, &c., the finished files are delivered at the other end without any unnecessary handling. In the file works are employed about 150 hands, and they turn out from 500 to 600 dozen files a day. They have recently adopted and now employ a newly-invented and ingenious method for sharpening or wetting the teeth of files after they are hardened, which consists of a process of liquid grinding that gives a degree of sharpness to the teeth. This process is used only by the Diston File Company and one other manufactory, and is said to be the most valuable improvement that has been made since files were first known.

Lovegrove & Co., Philadelphia, have just received an order from Japan for two steam engines. They have also recently shipped to Australia and Russia, and find a growing demand for small power engines for export.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Messrs. Hussey, Howe & Co. have made contracts for a quantity of knife steel, to produce which will employ one mill constantly.

The middle roll in the blooming mill of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, weighing 7000 pounds, broke down on Saturday, the 6th instant.

The Pittsburgh Steel Casting Company have just made three large spar wheels for the Cambria Iron Company, each wheel 7 feet in diameter and 15 inches face, and weighing over 6000 pounds. These are the largest steel castings ever made in this country. They were made entirely of crucible steel, without a pound of cast iron in the mixture.

Anderson & Co.'s steel works are running three sets of hands and are pushed to fill orders.

Emerson, Smith & Co., Beaver Falls, have just put up a very complicated piece of machinery, of their own make, for milling their patent planer tooth saws. It does the work perfectly.

OHIO.

We are informed that Mr. Thomas Means, of Portsmouth, last week refused an offer of \$30,000 for 1000 tons No. 1 Hanging Rock iron.

Himrod Furnace No. 2, Youngstown, blew in on Monday, the 1st, having blown out for repairs last June. The Pollock furnace at Brier Hill blew in on Sunday morning, the 31st ult., after standing idle since 1872.

The Cleveland Co. Operative Stove Company have just completed the extensions and improvements to their works on Garden street, at the junction of the C. and P. railway, which have been in progress for some time past. These extensions make their foundry one of the largest and most complete in the State.

The Niles Independent says: William Ward & Co.'s old furnace has been purchased by a party of eight persons of that place for \$3000, and preparations are being made to put it in blast at once.

Hocking Sentinel, 21st: A corporation of iron men, embracing all the furnacemen of the Hocking and Straitsville district, was organized week before last. J. R. Bucktel, of Bessemer, is president; and W. Craft, of Craft's, is secretary; R. D. McManigal, of Logan, general superintendent.

The Cleveland Trade Review says: Pig iron has advanced \$4 and bar iron \$10 since the present boom commenced. In fact, pig iron that was sold at \$16 last month, cannot be bought now for \$20.

MISSOURI.

Four cars of pig lead and two cars of white lead—one of the latter for New York and the other for Chicago—were sent out on Friday, the 5th inst., by the Lone Elm Co.

The White Lead Co., of Joplin, recently shipped to Lewis Bros., of Philadelphia, a car load of blue lead, which is to be used in the manufacture of india rubber. It is pronounced a very superior article for this purpose, and it is quite probable that a large proportion of the lead will soon be shipped East in a blue state, or, rather, before it has gone through the whitening process.

The Granby Co., of Lone Elm, has 150,000 pounds of mineral on hand, and three eyes are run steadily at the smelter.

The zinc trade still holds its own. There has been no change in price within the past few weeks, but the demand is probably greater than a month ago. Guengerich is still buying and shipping two cars per day,

which he gathers up at Carthage, Webb City, Joplin and Short Creek—wherever he can get it. His shipments are all made over the Gulf road via Kansas City.—Joplin Mining News.

The West Joplin Lead and Zinc Company have 800,000 pounds of mineral on hand, with receipts continuing in excess of the smelting capacity of their works.

Lanyon & Co., the New Pittsburgh zinc manufacturers, have within the past few months sold more spelter than any other manufacturers in the United States. Their spelter ranks with the best in the market.

MICHIGAN.

The Spring Lake Iron Company is the name of a new Milwaukee organization, with headquarters at Spring Lake, near Fruitport, 3 miles from Grand Haven, Mich. This company has commenced operations by putting down the foundation for a new charcoal furnace at the point named. The materials to be used are a part of one of the stacks formerly in service at Milwaukee. The principal office of the company will be at Milwaukee, with a branch office at Chicago. The work is vigorously progressing, and it is expected that the furnace, which is to produce a No. 1 charcoal iron, will be ready to blow in early in the coming winter.

TENNESSEE.

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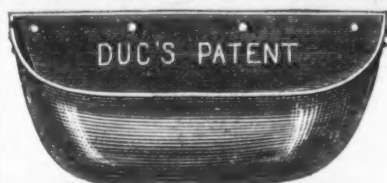
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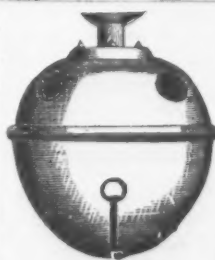
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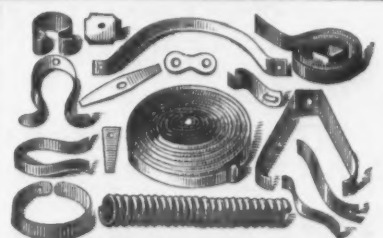


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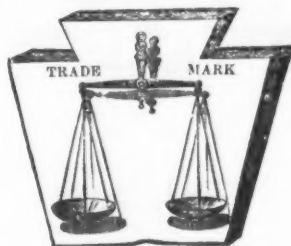
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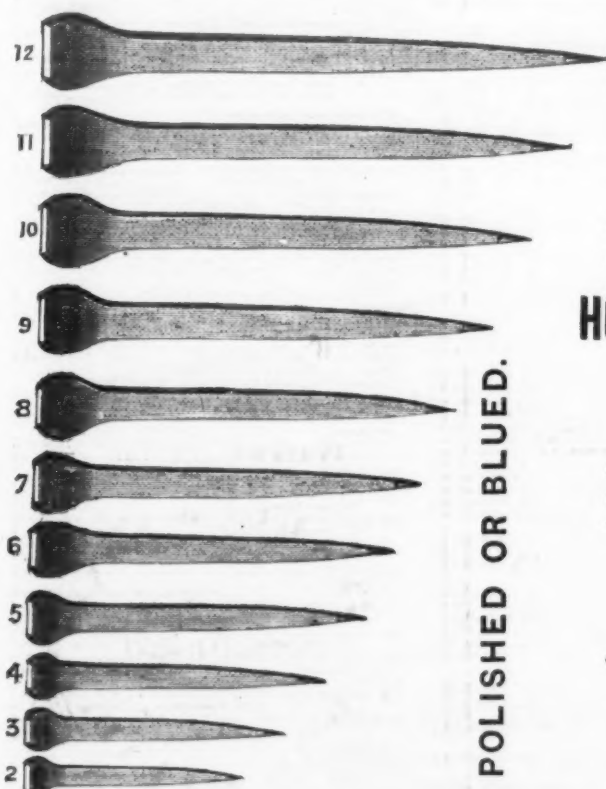
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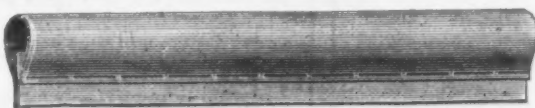
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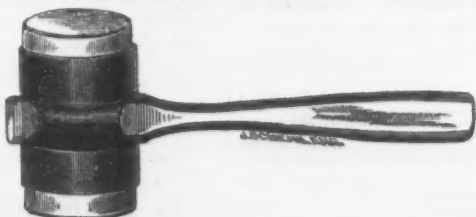
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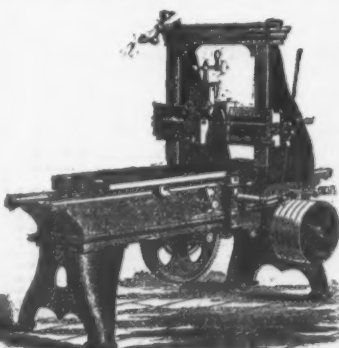
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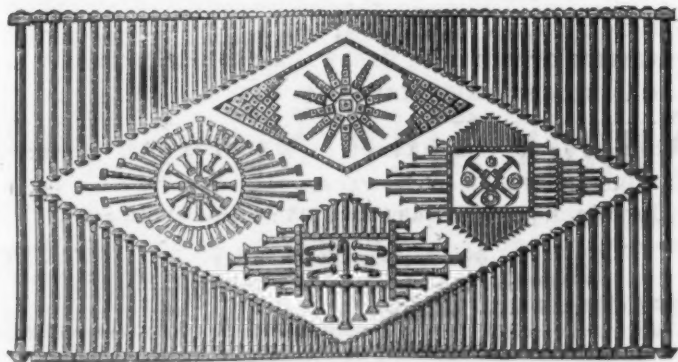
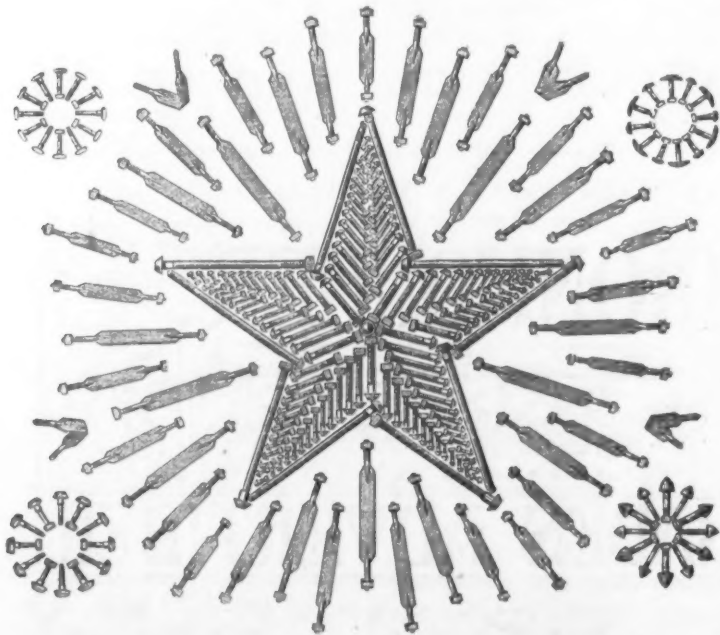
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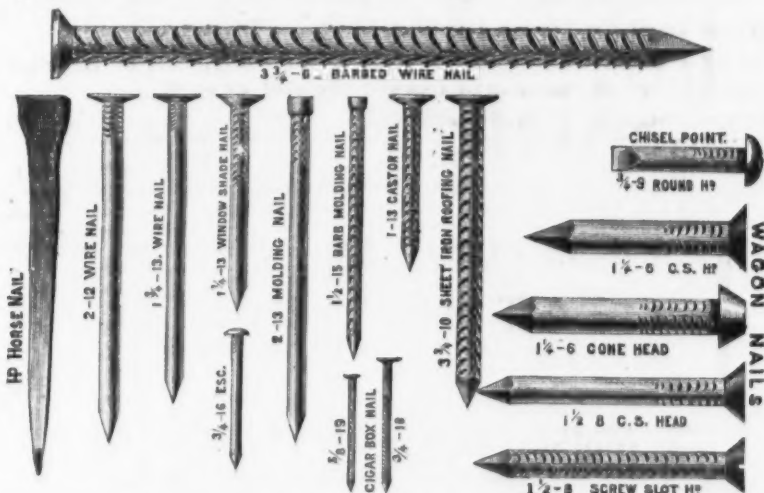


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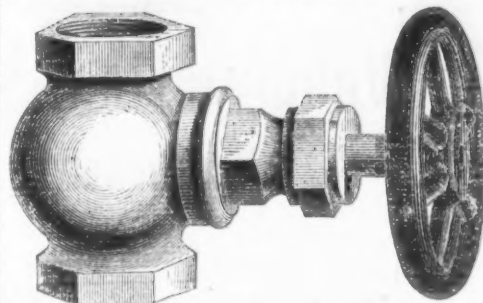
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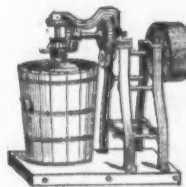
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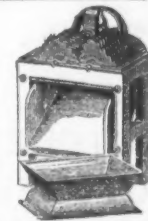
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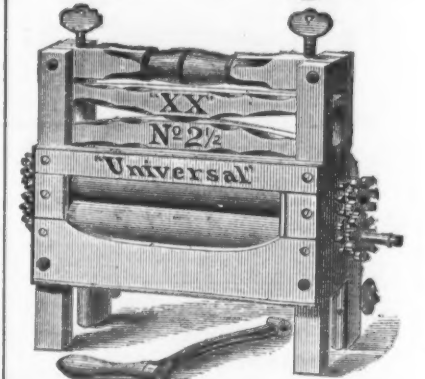
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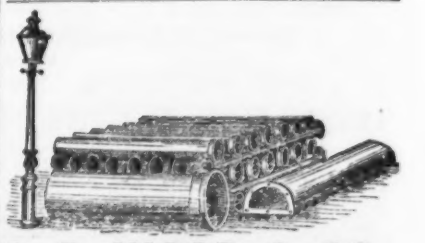
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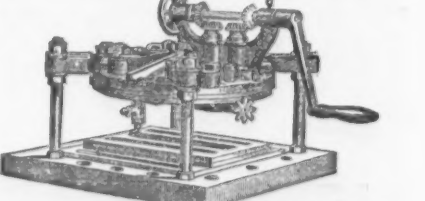
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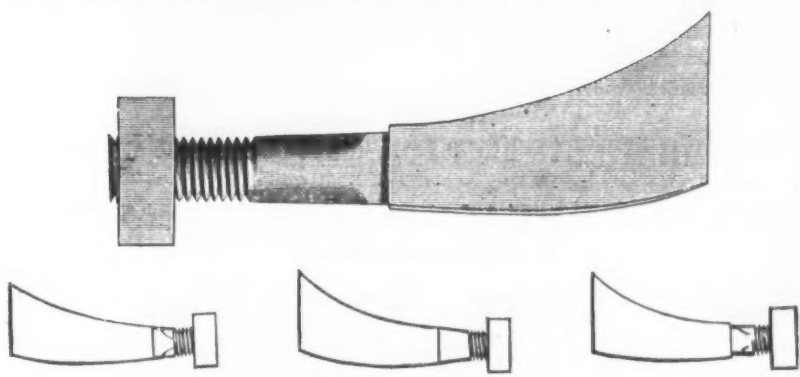
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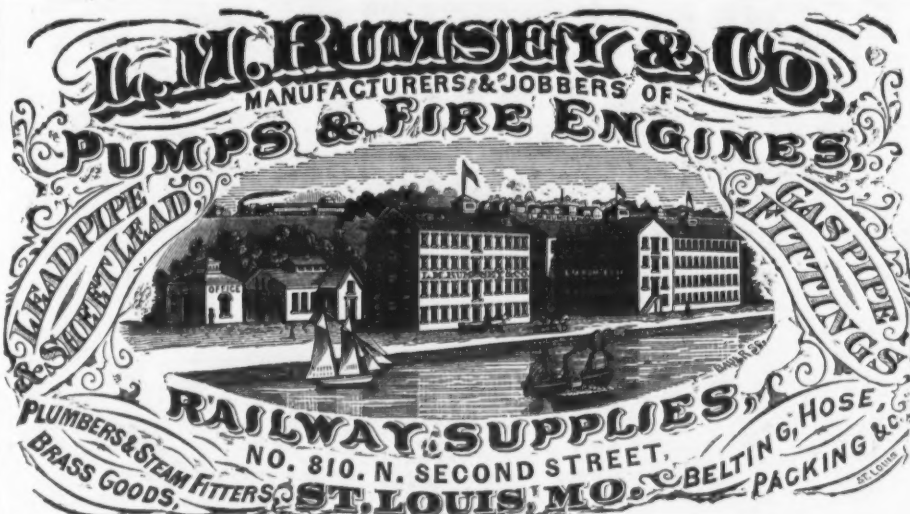
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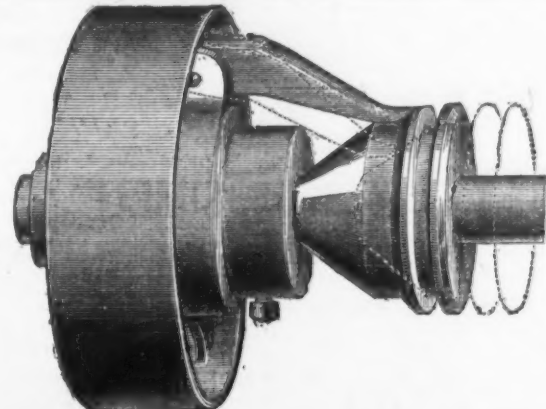
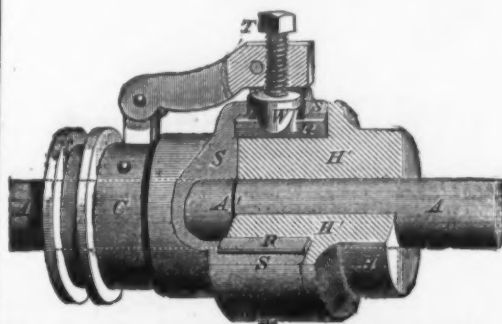
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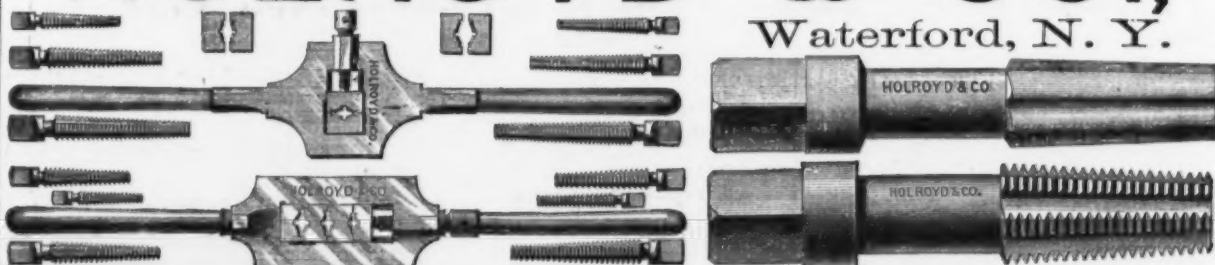
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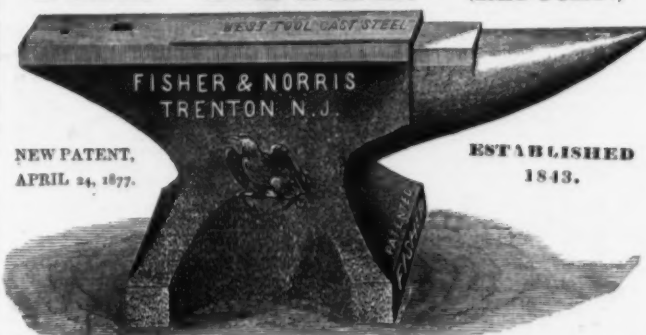
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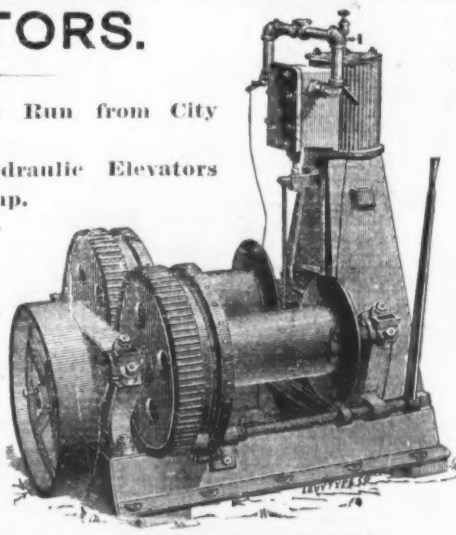
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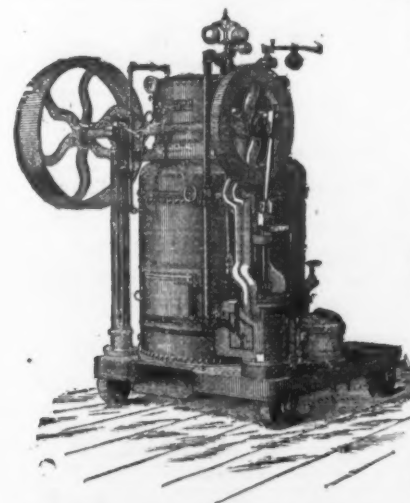
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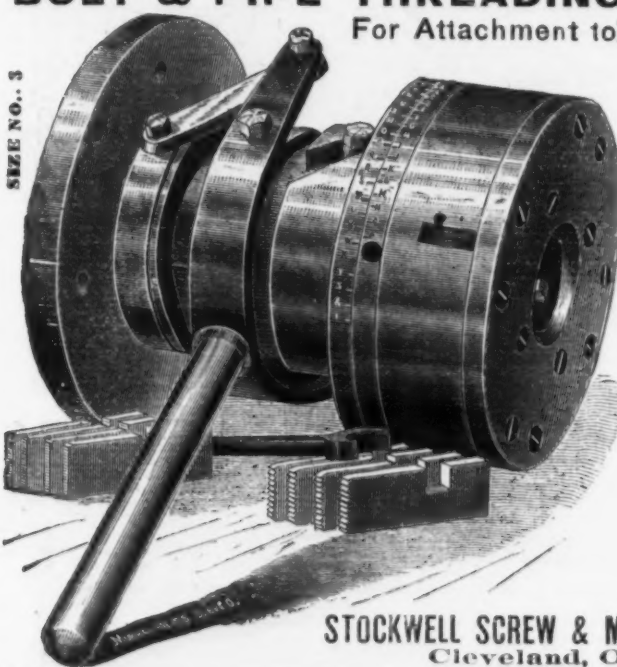
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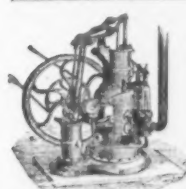
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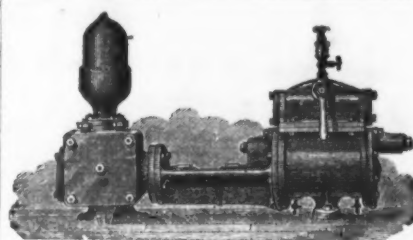


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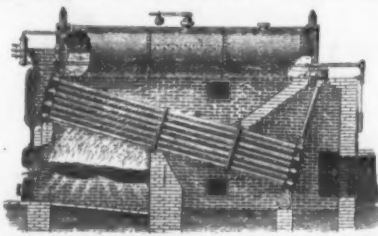
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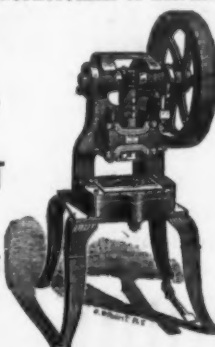
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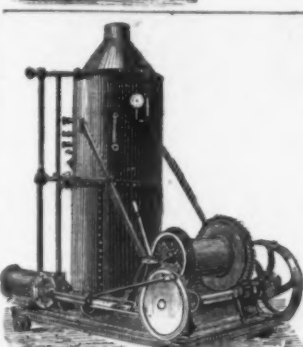
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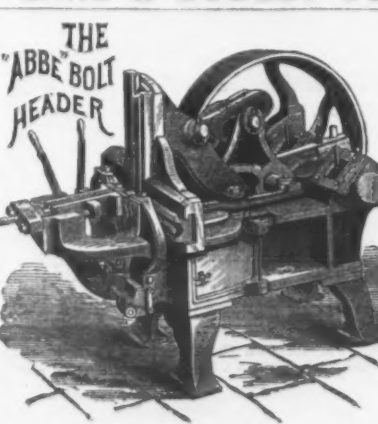


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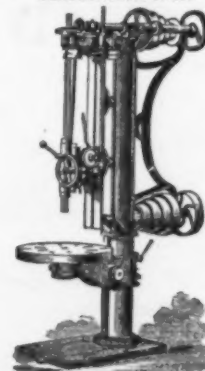
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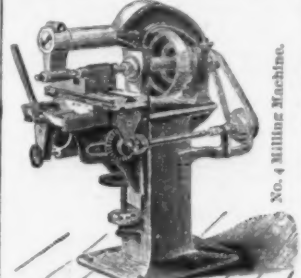
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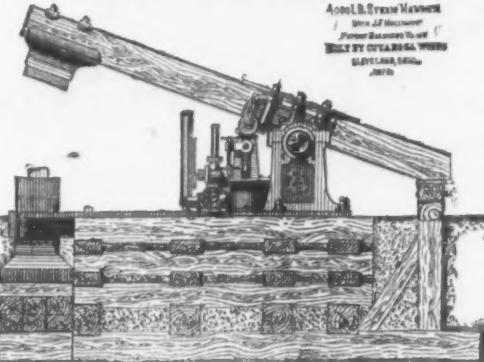
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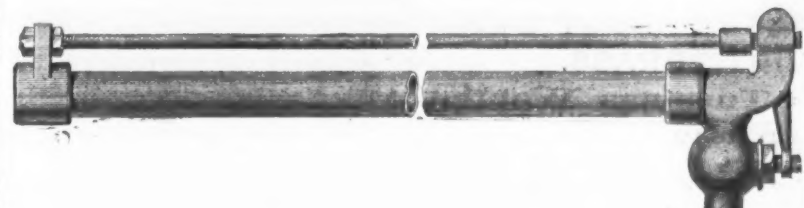


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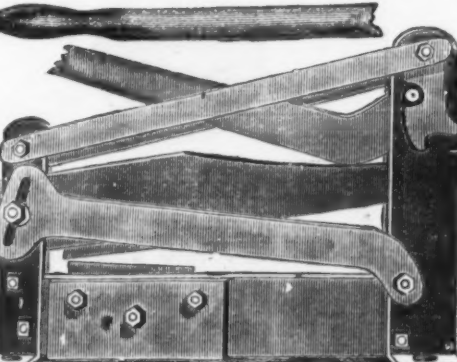
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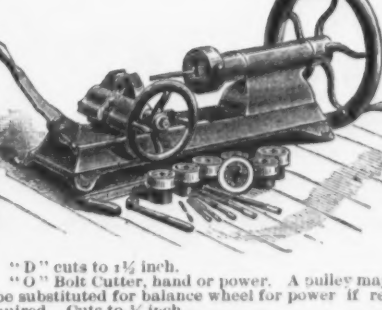


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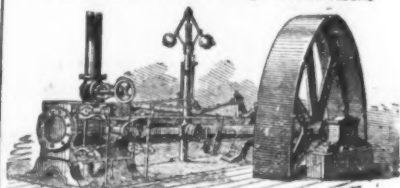



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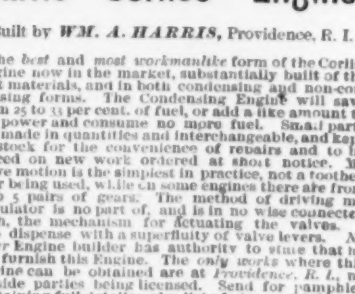
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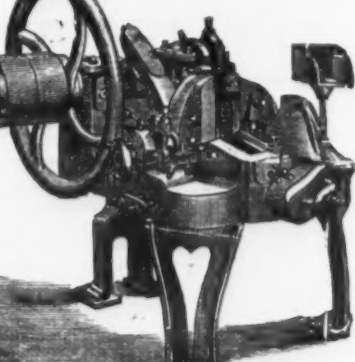
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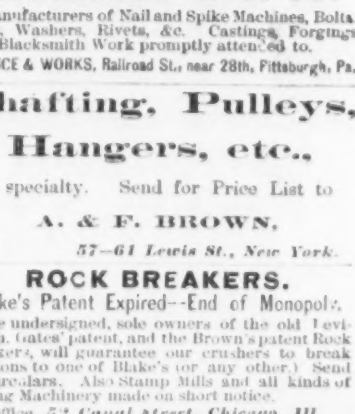
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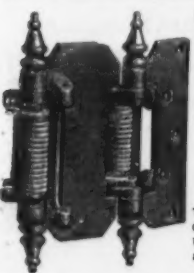
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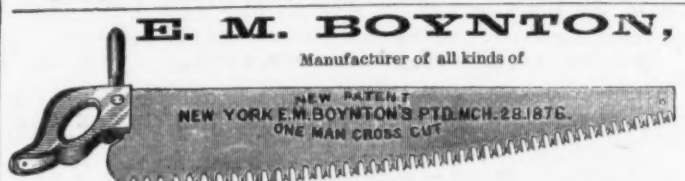
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